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Case filed against seer under SC/ST Act

HUBBALLI

Amidst Dalit activists seeking arrest of the head of Brihan Mutt Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru who is facing charges of sexual harassment of minor girls, a case was filed against him under provisions of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

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Personal Law case: SC impleads NHRC, NCW

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A five-judge Constitution Bench on Tuesday impleaded the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), the National Commission of Women (NCW) and the National Commission of Minorities as parties in a batch of petitions challenging Muslim Personal Law practices such as polygamy and *nikah halala*.

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Jharkhand MLAs fly to Raipur

Prepared to take on conspirators, says CM Soren

AMARNATH TEWARY
PATNA

Amid the deepening political crisis in Jharkhand, the ruling United Progressive Alliance on Tuesday shifted as many as 31 MLAs to the Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh to stave off any attempt by the Opposition BJP to poach its legislators in the State.

The MLAs, who arrived in Raipur on a chartered flight around 6 p.m., were taken to Mayfair Resort in Nava Raipur, where they are expected to stay for the next two days.

The MLAs belong to the Congress and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM).

Camp intact: Mediapersons trying to speak to Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren as he accompanies UPA legislators to the airport in Ranchi on Tuesday. • PTI

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel visited the resort around 9.30 p.m. Congress leaders Girish Dewangan, Sunny Agrawal and Ramgopal Agrawal had received the MLAs at the airport and accompanied them to the resort, around 10 km away.

Earlier, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren accompanied the MLAs to Birsa Munda airport in Ranchi. He returned to his official residence after the flight took off shortly after 4.30 p.m.

Some JMM MLAs and Ministers are said to be staying put in Ranchi to tackle the situation in the State. However, all four Ministers from the Congress were on the flight to Raipur.

Speaking to mediapersons, Mr. Soren said the ruling coalition was "totally prepared to respond to the conspirators in the State".

"Nothing untoward is going to happen, but the coalition is ready to face any situation. We are preparing a strategy to tackle it and you've seen a glimpse of that strategy today. In future too, you will be seeing all this."

On whether he would join the MLAs at the resort, Mr. Soren said, "We will see."

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ORR bears the brunt of downpour

DARSHAN DEVAIAH B.P.
BENGALURU

Hundreds of employees working in and around the Outer Ring Road (ORR) in Bengaluru had to experience peak-hour traffic which was exacerbated by inundation due to heavy overnight rain on Tuesday.

Traffic movement was crippled on the Outer Ring Road due to water from Savalakere lake overflowing into a nearby drain following rains, resulting in flooding on the roads. There was at least two to three feet of water on Outer Ring Road starting from Silk Board junction to Bellandur, Marathahalli and Sarjapura Road, making it impossible for two-wheeler riders to pass through.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Ajith Kumar, a techie working at RMZ Ecospace said: "There was water for the last two days, but today the level is more than two to three ft and my bike couldn't move at all. So I parked and walked to my office to reach on time."

Pavan Kumar, a cab driver working for a private firm, was seen helping senior citizens cross the road as well as bike riders who were struggling to push their vehicles due to gushing water on the road. "I left my work now to help people here who are not able to cross the roads. The main reason for this situation is the overflowing of the lake. The drains are small and the capacity of rainwater could not be handled by the drains built by the civic agencies," Mr. Pavan said.

Water woes: The flooded Outer Ring Road near Bellandur on Tuesday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Another road user said that he took at least one hour to travel a stretch of less than a km. "I could see my office from the cab. But I could not even get down from the vehicle and walk to the office," said Naveen P.K., a techie in Bellandur.

Many also took the help of security guards who were present at the spot to cross the road. Private security guards offered sticks to walkers to help them wade through the water while the traffic police personnel had to remove their shoes to be able to stand in knee-deep waters to manage the traffic. Food delivery workers could also be seen pushing several two-wheelers that broke down while trying to get past the inundated stretch.

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SC disallows Ganesh puja at Bengaluru Idgah Maidan today

Land in Bengaluru not used for any other purpose for 200 years, it says

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered *status quo* against the use of Idgah Maidan at Chamarajpet in Bengaluru for Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations on August 31 and September 1.

"Why can't you hold your puja somewhere else?" Justice Indira Banerjee, leading a three-judge Bench, asked the Karnataka government and the municipal corporation. "We think there should be *status quo*... Especially when the land was never used for any other purpose for 200 years," Justice A.S. Oka, on the Bench, orally observed.

Justice M.M. Sundresh enquired if the authorities had made any arrangements for the celebrations. The court finally ordered both parties to maintain *status quo*, as of date, with regard to the land. Parties can agitate their issues or questions before the Single Bench of the High Court on September 23, it said in the order.

The case saw a eventful train of events during the post-lunch session. The case was originally listed before a Division Bench of Justice Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia. However, the Bench could not reach a consensus due to difference of opinion between the two judges. The case was referred back to the Chief Justice.

The parties made a mentioning before Chief Justice U.U. Lalit, who was about to rise after the day's work.

A policeman deployed at Idgah Maidan in Bengaluru on Tuesday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

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HC clears celebration at Hubballi Idgah Maidan

BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday night declined to interfere with the decision of the Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation (HDMC) to permit celebration of Ganesha festival at the Idgah Maidan in Hubballi. Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the order on a petition filed by Anjuman-e-Islam, Hubballi. The court said the issue of the Hubballi Idgah Maidan was different from that of the Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan in Bengaluru. While there was a dispute over the title of the Chamarajpet Maidan, HDMC was the absolute owner of the Hubballi Maidan. ▸ PAGE 8

EWS quota: SC to hear pleas on Sept. 13

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A five-judge Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit said it would give priority to hear two batches of petitions separately challenging the 10% quota for the economically weaker sections (EWS) and an Andhra Pradesh law which grants reservation to Muslims.

The Bench said it would start with the EWS case on September 13.

The Supreme Court had referred the EWS quota case to the Constitution Bench in August 2020. The petitions in this issue raise a "substantial question of law" as to whether grant of 10% reservation violated the 50% ceiling cap on quota declared by the top court itself.

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Cong. election process is fair, says Mistry

SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

Rejecting former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad's allegation that the Congress's presidential poll is a farce, the party's central election authority chief Madhusudan Mistry told *The Hindu* on Tuesday that there should not be any doubt in anyone's mind about the fairness of the electoral process.

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Number of suicides rose during pandemic

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

While most categories of crime saw a dip during the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021, the only category to see a steady rise was the number of suicides. Both the State and Bengaluru saw the number of suicides in 2021 higher than the pre-pandemic 2019 levels, as per National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data for 2021 released on Monday.

The number of suicides in 2021 rose by 6.5% in the State compared to 2020, during which it rose by 8.6% compared to 2019. This is in line with the national trend; suicides rose by 7.2% in 2021 compared to 2020, which had seen a sharp rise of 10% compared to 2019.

Pratima Murthy, Director, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, said the pandemic brought up psychological stress issues in both the general and special needs population.

(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph.: 104 for help.)

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IISc team develops novel virus-like particle

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

An IISc team has developed and tested a novel virus-like particle (VLP), non-infectious nanoscale molecule that resembles and behaves like the virus but does not contain its native genetic material, in a study published in *Microbiology Spectrum*.

A release said such VLPs have several uses: they can not only be used to safely study the effect of mutations that may arise in SARS-CoV-2 - without requiring a BSL-3 facility - but can also potentially be developed into a vaccine candidate that can trigger an immune response in our bodies. Researchers have applied for a patent for the VLP and hope to develop it into a vaccine candidate.

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Chief Minister calls for an environment-friendly Ganesha festival

Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has greeted the people of the State on the auspicious occasion of Gowri-Ganesha festival and urged them to celebrate it in an environmental-friendly way. People should opt for a clay idol instead of a plaster-of-Paris one and immerse it after the festivities in places designated by the local authorities, he has said in his appeal.

May Lord Ganesha, the God who destroys all obstacles, bring peace and prosperity to all, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Tree transplant fails

33 The percentage of trees that survived of the 16,461 trees transplanted in Delhi over the last three years. According to the Delhi government's tree transplantation policy notified in December 2020, agencies concerned have to transplant a minimum of 80% of the trees affected by their development work. Tree transplantation for 22 development projects have been undertaken in the last three years. Of the 404 trees transplanted under the Central Vista project, only 30% have survived. PTI

Female suicides

45,026 The number of females who committed suicide in 2021 in the country. More than half of them were housewives. "Of females who committed suicides, the highest number (23,178) was of house-wives followed by students (5,693) and daily wage earners (4,246)," the report said. Majority of suicides committed by housewives were reported in Tamil Nadu (3,221 out of 23,179) followed by Madhya Pradesh (3,055) and Maharashtra (2,861 suicides). PTI

Bailing out Pakistan

1.1 In billion $, the amount IMF will release to Pakistan immediately apart from an additional $500 million to the total size of the package. The IMF board approved an agreement to revive a massive loan program for Pakistan, as the country grapples with devastating monsoon flooding that has worsened an economic crisis. The original $6 billion bailout package was signed by former Prime Minister Imran Khan in 2019, but was repeatedly stalled when his government reneged on agreed reforms on subsidies and failed to improve tax collection. AFP

Six decade wait

63 The number of years after which a Chinese man, Wu Yibing, won a singles match at a Grand Slam. Wu, who came through three qualifying matches, beat the 31st seed Basilashvili 6-3 6-4 6-0 in the first round of the U.S. Open. The 22-year-old Wu has come into the U.S. Open after having won two ATP Challenger titles back-to-back. He was the world's number one junior after clinching the boys' singles and doubles titles in 2017 to become the first Chinese male to win a Grand Slam title of any kind. AGENCIES

Risk of famine

6 The number of people at risk of famine in Afghanistan, according to the UN humanitarian chief. He urged donors to restore funding for economic development as the U.S. argues with Russia and China over who should pay. Martin Griffiths told the UN Security Council on Monday that Afghanistan faces multiple crises — humanitarian, economic, climate, hunger and financial. More than half the Afghan population — some 24 million people — need assistance and close to 19 million are facing acute levels of food insecurity, Mr. Griffiths said. AP

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EXPLAINER

Explained | The ongoing political crisis in Iraq

Why are the two dominant Shia factions of Iraq up in arms against each other? What has led to the current deadlock?

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THE GIST

- Iraq has failed to form a government after the October 2021 parliamentary elections in which Mr. Sadr's bloc won the most number of seats. A bitter power struggle between the country's dominant Shia parties have since then plunged the country into a deepening crisis.
- For Iraqi presidential elections to take place, two-thirds of the representatives should be present in the House. Such an election has not been possible as the quorum was not met as different blocs boycotted parliament sessions — once by the Sadrist Movement and twice by the opposition, the Shia Coordination Framework, to stop Mr. Sadr's bid to form a majority government. In protest against the rival parties' continued boycott of Parliament, Mr. Sadr, asked all the 73 legislators of the Sadrist Movement to resign.
- Mr. Sadr since then, has called on his loyal supporters to apply pressure through protests. The protestors stormed the Parliament building in the Baghdad's Green Zone several times. They demand the dissolution of Parliament, early elections and Constitutional amendments to clear blockades that stand in the way of Mr. Sadr forming a majority government.

The story so far: Iraq's political crisis took a violent turn on Monday when at least 24 people were killed and about 200 injured in clashes between the supporters of influential Shia cleric Moqtada al-Sadr and the country's security personnel. Mr. Sadr's supporters breached the concrete walls of Baghdad's highly fortified Green Zone, stormed the Republican Palace of the government and fought the security personnel with mortars and grenades after Mr. Sadr announced that he was quitting politics amid a political deadlock. Iraq has failed to form a government after the October 2021 parliamentary elections in which Mr. Sadr's bloc won the most number of seats. A bitter power struggle between the country's dominant Shia parties have since then plunged the country into a deepening crisis, leading to the current violence.

Who won the October elections?

The October elections to the Council of Representatives were considered to be a new beginning and opportunity for Iraq to form a stable, legitimate government, but what happened was just the opposite. The Sadrist Movement won 73 out of the 329 seats available, but failed to secure absolute majority. Iraq's post-war tradition was to form national consensus governments. But Mr. Sadr wanted to form a majority government led by his bloc. He entered into a tripartite coalition, called "Save the Homeland (Enqadh Watan)", with Sunni and Kurdish parties – the Sunni Coalition of Sovereignty (62 seats) and the Kurdistan Democratic Party (31 seats), led by Masoud Barzani, the President of the autonomous Kurdistan region which is a U.S. ally. Together, they had absolute majority in the House. The Shia Coordination Framework, the coalition of Iran-backed Shia parties that stand opposed to Mr. Sadr, is composed of the Fatah Alliance of Hadi al-Amiri (17 seats); the State of Law Coalition of former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki (33 seats) and the National State Forces Alliance (4 seats), led by Ammar al-Hakim and former Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi.

What triggered the political crisis?

The Constitution requires a new Parliament to pick a President first, who then should ask the largest parliamentary bloc to nominate someone for the post of Prime Minister. The PM nominee should then form a government and get parliamentary approval. For the Presidential election to take place, two-thirds of the representatives should be present in the House. The subsequent Presidential votes failed to go through as the quorum was not met as different blocs boycotted parliament sessions – once by the Sadrist Movement as the candidate Mr. Sadr supported, Hoshyar Zebari, was barred from running for presidency by the Supreme Court due to corruption charges, and twice by the Shia Coordination Framework, to stop Mr. Sadr's bid to form a majority government. Therefore, without a new President, a new government could not be formed. In protest against the rival parties' continued boycott of Parliament, Mr. Sadr, in June, asked all the 73 legislators of the Sadrist Movement to resign.

According to Iraq's electoral laws, if a parliamentary seat becomes vacant, it will be filled by the candidate who receives the second-highest number of votes in their electoral district. The Coordination Framework took advantage of the resignation of the Sadrist lawmakers and got them replaced by those who finished second. In the new parliamentary make-up, the Coordination Framework became the largest bloc and they went ahead with plans to form their government. Mr. Sadr, now out of Parliament, called for protests in the streets.

What do Sadrists want?

The Coordination Framework wanted to nominate Mohammed al-Sudani for the post of Prime Minister. Mr. Sadr called on his loyal supporters, mostly working-class Shia Muslims, to apply pressure through protests. The protestors stormed the Parliament building in the Baghdad's Green Zone several times. They demand the dissolution of Parliament, early elections and Constitutional amendments to clear blockades that stand in the way of Mr. Sadr forming a majority government. Mr. Sadr asked his supporters to continue the sit-in protests until new elections are held. The Shia Coordination Framework opponents have staged counter-protests. After Monday's incidents, Mr. Sadr has denounced violent protests but has not walked back from his key demand of early elections. Part of the problem is the power struggle between Mr. Sadr and Mr. Maliki, the former Prime Minister who is a key leader of the Coordination Framework. The rivalry between the two goes back to 2008 when Sadrists challenged Mr. Maliki's U.S.-backed government following which the latter ordered security personnel to quell the rebellion. Mr. Sadr has since then grown into a formidable Shia political and spiritual leader, while Mr. Maliki's fortunes have waned.

At a stalemate: The supporters of Moqtada al-Sadr protest inside Parliament in Baghdad, Iraq on July 30. • REUTERS

What lies ahead for Iraqi politics?

The political paralysis in Iraq could have two possible outcomes. Firstly, as per the wishes of Mr. Sadr and his loyal followers, Parliament could be dissolved, and early elections could be called. Mr. Sadr hopes that the last election was testimony to his growing popularity and that his bloc could repeat its performance in the elections. His readiness to reach political tie-ups with the Sunnis, Kurds and left-leaning parties enhances his chances of forming a majority government, provided the political impediments are removed. The second possibility is the Shia Coordination Framework electing a new President and getting their choice, Mohammed al-Sudani, elected as the next Prime Minister of Iraq irrespective of the protests. The second possibility runs the risk of violence as was evident on Monday. Sadrists might have resigned from Parliament, but they remain a formidable street force. It would not be easy for the Framework to ignore their anger. Either way, the current crisis marks a break from Iraq's post-war Shia consensus. If the dominant political contradiction in the elections held immediately after the U.S. invasion was between Shia and Sunni parties, now the power struggle between two Shia factions, one backed by Iran and the other relatively autonomous led by Mr. Sadr, is the main driving force of Iraqi politics.

EXPLAINER

Explained | Challenging the Special Marriage Act, 1954

Why are Sections 6 to 10 of the Special Marriage Act under scrutiny? How are these provisions being misused?

JAGRITI CHANDRA

THE GIST

- The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a writ petition challenging the Constitutional validity of certain provisions of the Special Marriage Act, 1954 under which couples seek refuge for inter-faith and inter-caste marriages.
- The writ petition has called the provisions under the SMA violative of the right to privacy guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution as they require couples to give a notice of 30 days before the date of marriage inviting objections from the public.
- These public notices have been used by anti-social elements to harass couples getting married.

The story so far: The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a writ petition challenging provisions of the Special Marriage Act (SMA), 1954 requiring couples to give a notice declaring their intent to marry 30 days before their marriage.

What does the petition seek? What did the court say?

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a writ petition challenging the Constitutional validity of certain provisions of the SMA under which couples seek refuge for inter-faith and inter-caste marriages. The writ petition has called these provisions violative of the right to privacy guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution as they require couples to give a notice of 30 days before the date of marriage inviting objections from the public. The writ petition filed by counsels K. R. Sripathi and Anupama Sripathi and advocate on record Sriram Parakkat has also said that the provisions contravene Article 14 on prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste and sex as well as Article 15 on right to equality as these requirements are absent in personal laws.

A Bench of Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and Bela M. Trivedi rejected the writ petition on the grounds that the petitioner, 35- year-old Athira Sujatha, was no longer an aggrieved party as she had already solemnised her marriage under SMA. The petitioner's lawyers said that they were now deliberating on an alternative approach to initiate this litigation such as through a public interest litigation involving other victims. Another writ petition in *Nandini Praveen vs Union of India & Others* filed on similar grounds was admitted by the Supreme Court in 2020 and the government's reply to is awaited.

What are the provisions that have been challenged?

Section 5 of the SMA requires couples getting married under it to give a notice to the Marriage Officer 30 days before the date of marriage. The writ seeks striking down of provisions that follow in Section 6 to Section 10. Section 6 requires such a notice to be then entered into the Marriage Notice Book maintained by the Marriage Officer, which can be inspected by "any person desirous of inspecting the same". These notices have to be also affixed at a "conspicuous place" in the office of the Marriage Officer so that anyone can raise an objection to the marriage. Section 7 provides the process for making an objection such as if either party has a living spouse, is incapable of giving consent due to "unsoundness of mind" or is suffering from mental disorder resulting in the person being unfit for marriage or procreation. Section 8 specifies the inquiry procedure to be followed after an objection has been submitted.

The petition reads, "The impugned provisions, by throwing the personal information of the individuals open to public scrutiny, seriously damage one's right to have control over her or his personal information and its accessibility. By making the personal details of the couple accessible to everyone, the very right of the couple to be the decision makers of their marriage is being hampered by the state."

How do these provisions make couples vulnerable?

These public notices have been used by anti-social elements to harass couples getting married. In Athira's case, who got married in 2019 under SMA, her marriage notice containing her address was circulated on Facebook and WhatsApp calling on people to visit her parents and make them "aware" about her marriage. While Athira had the support of her parents, for many others who often marry without their parent's consent this can be life-threatening. There have been instances, where marriage officers have gone over and beyond the law and sent such notices to the parents of the couple leading to a Muslim woman in Delhi being confined to her house by her parents in March 2020 until her boyfriend filed a habeus corpus in the Delhi High Court. Following another petition, the Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) was slapped with a contempt notice and the Delhi government issued a warning to all SDMs in the State. The Haryana government has laid down 16 pre-requisites which ask couples to issue a notice in a newspaper and that such notices be sent to their parents. In certain States, couples have to seek a no-objection certificate from their parents. The Maharashtra Department of Registration and Stamps publicly shares the details of couples marrying under SMA on its website and so did the Kerala government until Athira came forward and pointed out that this allowed communal elements to access personal details and threaten and harass couples. Many also complain about the behaviour of the staff at the SDM's office who often delete or delay applications and dissuade couples from marrying under SMA and ask them to convert at a Arya Samaj temple. With as many as 11 States passing anti-conversion (or so called love-jihad) laws, parents and the State are now armed to punish and harass such couples.

Crimes rose in 2021 but did not reach pre-pandemic levels

Those registered under IPC increased from 1,06,350 in 2020 to 1,15,728 in 2021

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Crime rate in the State and Bengaluru rose in 2021 compared to the previous year, but did not reach pre-pandemic levels of 2019, shows data that is part of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report released on Monday. This is keeping in tune with the national trend as well.

Crimes registered under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) rose from 1,06,350 in 2020 to 1,15,728 in 2021 in Karnataka, which was still lower than 2019 levels - 1,20,165. A similar trend was observed in Bengaluru - it rose from 19,964 in 2020 to 21,548 in 2021 but was still lower than 27,251 in 2019.

Though 2021 was marred by the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic, more deadlier than the first wave in 2020, there were no prolonged periods of lockdown in 2021. Life continued though with restrictions.

BENGALURU CRIMES	2019	2020	2021
IPC crimes	27,251	19,964	21,548
Murders	210	191	162
Robbery and dacoity	746	542	545
Rapes	143	108	117

BENGALURU ACCIDENTS	Total road accidents	Total deaths	Total injured
2019	4,684	768	4,250
2020	3,233	646	2751
2021	3,213	654	2,820

CYBER CRIMES	2019	2020	2021
Karnataka	12,020	10,741	8,136
Bengaluru	2,081	2,196	2,292

SUICIDES	2019	2020	2021
Karnataka	11,288	12,259	13,056
Bengaluru	2,081	2,196	2,292

In 2020, everyone was stunned with the pandemic and all of us were restricted indoors. This may explain the sharp drop in crime rate in 2020 and an upswing in 2021, said a senior police official. "2020 and 2021 are really outliers and we cannot consider them. Data for 2022 will show crime rate returning to pre-pandemic levels. We are already seeing crime rates hit pre-pandemic levels," a senior official said. Same is the case with road accidents - marginally higher than 2020, in 2021, but continue to be lower than 2019. However, the number of murders in the city, mostly over personal animosities, has been on a decline since 2019.

No sedition case in 2021

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Karnataka had the dubious reputation of topping the charts in number of sedition cases booked in 2019 – 22 against 25 individuals. However, not a single case of sedition was registered in the State in 2021. There was a sharp drop in the number of sedition cases in 2020 – eight. Police attribute the spike in 2019 and most cases registered in 2020 to the Anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 protests.

Decline in cybercrime cases

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The State and the city have reported a sharp decline in the number of cybercrime cases registered in 2021, compared to even 2020.

It has dropped from 12,020 in 2019 to 8,136 in 2021.

CIR system

This is because Bengaluru, which contributes most of the cybercrime cases in the State, saw a sharp decline thanks to the Cybercrime Incident Report (CIR) system instituted in the city in 2021, officials said.

"The CIR system allows victims of cybercrime to lodge a complaint, freeze transactions and get back their money in some cases in case of financial crimes. In these cases, FIRs are not registered, but the victims get some relief. So the number of cases registered have gone down," said a senior police official.

IN BRIEF

Assumes charge

BENGALURU

Binay Krushna Mahapatra assumed charge as Director (Commercial), KIOCL, on Tuesday. According to a release, Mr. Mahapatra has an experience of 33 years in the metal and mineral sector, out of which 27 years are in steel industry and six in aluminium industry.

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Anganwadi helper injures child in attempt to 'discipline' him

She lit a matchstick and the fire touched his body

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

In an attempt to "discipline" a three-and-a-half-year-old boy who was urinating in his pants, an anganwadi helper lit a matchstick, ending up accidentally injuring his private parts.

The incident took place in Godikere village anganwadi of Chikkanayakanahalli taluk, Tumakuru district, on August 22.

According to the officials, the boy was urinating in his pants in the anganwadi and to prevent him from doing this, helper Rashmi threatened him and lit the matchstick. Accidentally, the fire touched the boy and he was injured. The incident came to light on Monday.

Suspended

After this, the Department of Woman and Child Development (DWCD) sent the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) to the spot to conduct inquiry. The department then issued a notice to Rashmi and suspended her.

Sridhar, Deputy Director of DWCD, Tumakuru district told to *The Hindu*, "Incidents like these should not happen with children. After this incident came to light, we took stern action against the anganwadi helper and suspended her from duty. We are also conducting departmental inquiry and will take legal action also."

BMTC driver found dead; AAP demands justice

He accused manager of harassment

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Aam Aadmi Party and other organisations staged a protest on Tuesday demanding justice for the dependents of an employee of the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), who allegedly committed suicide. The protesters alleged that harassment by depot managers had forced him to take the extreme step.

On Tuesday, at Rajareshwarinagar depot, AAP members staged a protest along with the body of Holabasappa Chinchanakandi, 48.

The protesters alleged that Chinchanakandi took the extreme step after being harassed by depot manager Mallikarjunaiah.

On the basis of a complaint filed by Seema, wife of the deceased, the police have filed an FIR.

Sources said Chinchanakandi had left a note blaming the depot manager.

AAP accused the depot manager of demanding bribes for giving trips and leaves to the bus crew. AAP leader Mohan Dasari said that harassment led to suicide of Chinchankandi.

Compensation sought

The protesters demanded compensation of ₹50 lakh for the dependents and suspension of the depot manager.

After BMTC officials intervened along with police officials, the body was taken for the last rites.

Reacting to the incident, MD of BMTC, G Sathyavthi told *The Hindu*, "The employee recently received a silver medal for his outstanding work. After the incident, the police are investigating the matter and we too have carried out an inquiry. After the investigation, necessary action will be taken."

(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can call Arogya Sahayavani Ph.: 104 for help.)

Security tightened at Idgah Maidan

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The police have tightened security at the disputed Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan and a route march was held in the area to build confidence among the residents.

The government has deployed three Deputy commissioners of Police, 21 Assistant Commissioners of Police, 47 police inspectors, 130 police sub-inspectors, 900 police constables and 10 KSRP platoons.

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A tale of several Calcuttas

Rich and poor, Hindu and Muslim, joy and anguish, books reveal the many facets of a city of opposites

SUDIPTA DATTA

People of this city are used to the extreme reactions she provokes. One day, she is hailed as a 'City of Joy', another day branded a 'dying city'. Once the capital of British India, the tone was perhaps set by Rudyard Kipling when he compared Calcutta and Simla (incidentally, a hill town Bengalis love to visit) in his 1887 poem, 'A Tale of Two Cities'. Calling Calcutta a "chance-directed, chance-erected" metropolis, that was founded by Job Charnock, Kipling said it was "laid and built on the silt" with "palace, byre, hovel – poverty and pride – side by side" where "above the packed and pestilential town,/Death looked down"; Simla, on the other hand, is termed the "best" for "rule, administration, and the rest."

But Calcutta has a life and vitality all of its own, and it has drawn people from all over, including those who crossed over from Bangladesh during the 1971 war. Passionate about food and politics, cinema, football and books, and known for their love for 'adda', denizens will agree there are at least three names to call their city, Calcutta (for the anglicised), Kolkata (the official name), and Kalkatta (by which every non-Bengali calls her).

Colonial hangover

Ranabir Ray Choudhury traces the evolution of Calcutta from the three villages of Sutanati (where Charnock had landed in 1690), Kalikata and Gobindapur in *A City in the Making* (2016). "Charnock's decision to make Calcutta the base of the East India Company's operation in the Bay [of Bengal] area triggered the evolution of a hitherto nondescript village on the eastern bank of the river Hooghly into a bustling metropolis of the British empire which once came to be described as its 'second city'," writes Ray Choudhury. The most important phase of the development work was done in the 19th century under the guidance of the Lottery Committee – the subject of Ray Choudhury's follow-up book *The Shaping of Modern Calcutta* (Niyogi Books). The "basic contours of the physical shape in which we find Calcutta today," he says, "is a direct product of this specific phase of the city's development, which may be cited as evidence of the lack of any fresh initiative (apart from the work done by the Calcutta Improvement Trust) on its further growth in the 20th century." Even a serious facelift of the riverfront was taken up only in the last decade or so, with the banks remaining largely unaltered for nearly two centuries.

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Does Calcutta/Kolkata then live in the past? The 2008 anthology, *Memory's Gold* (Penguin/Viking), edited by Amit Chaudhuri, reveals the many facets of Calcutta with its collections of essays, memoirs, stories and poems. People closely associated with the city from Michael Madhusudhan Dutt and Rabindranath Tagore, to famous visitors Gunter Grass and V.S. Naipaul, and contemporary writers including Sunil Gangopadhyay to Jug Suraiya, write about their association and memories.

Syncretic culture

Perhaps a wider interpretation of the inclusive history of the entire Bengali-speaking people can be found in Ghulam Murshid's *Bengali Culture over a Thousand Years* (Niyogi Books), translated into English by Sarbari Sinha in 2018 from the Bengali *Hajaar Bochhorer Bangali Sanskriti* (2006). Over the 14 chapters, Murshid talks about society and religion, women, music, theatre, and the impact of the West on Bengalis. The original followed his BBC Radio series when he realised that there was no "reliable" book on the various aspects of Bengali culture. He also wanted to look at the history and culture of both Bengali Muslims and Bengali Hindus, covering the "shared destiny of the entire Bengali-speaking people," who had undergone several break-ups and witnessed largescale violence. In his sweep, he also takes in the rise of the 'Babu' or the 'Bhadralok', a social class which "saved without any objective, earned money to save, pursued an education to earn, and stole question papers to pass examinations."

In his 2017 book, *The Bengalis: A Portrait of a Community* (Aleph), Sudeep Chakravarti also writes a social, political and cultural history of Bengalis, looking at both East (now Bangladesh) and West Bengal. Both have been through a lot and were impacted by huge crises like the 1942 Bengal famine, the Tebhaga land movement, Partition, Naxalbari, the Bangladesh liberation war and so forth. Fiction writers from Jhumpa Lahiri (*The Lowland*/Penguin) to Neel Mukherjee (*The Lives of Others*/Penguin) have woven the radical and reactionary political narratives of the city in their novels; Mahasweta Devi chose to tell her story of a mother and son in the backdrop of the Naxalite movement in *Hajar Churashir Maa (Mother of 1084*/Karuna Prakashani).

Beyond the 'bhadralok'

Calcutta/Kolkata/Kalkatta is a city of opposites, where there is space for everyone, rich and poor, Hindu and Muslim, old and new. In *Field Notes from a Waterborne Land* (HarperCollins), Parimal Bhattacharya goes looking for a Bengal beyond the 'bhadralok' and finds refugees and labourers, fishermen, vegetable vendors, farmers and first generation school-goers. He tells the story of deltaic Bengal, a waterborne land, which is still being made and unmade. "Its fertility and accessibility through its rivers and the sea have always drawn people – agriculturists, artisans, merchants, freebooters and colonisers – making it one of the most prosperous and historically significant regions in the subcontinent," says Bhattacharya. But all that is in the past. A majority of the people now are either tied to subsistence farming or are "transiting all over the country to work in its informal sectors." Memories of Calcutta, full of nostalgia, are one way of celebrating the city, but the reality is different. Here, battered by cyclones, floods, and the rough hand of history, people are struggling to make ends meet. It's a story of "untold misery but also of remarkable grit."

THE DAILY QUIZ

A quiz on the elephant-headed God on the occasion of Ganesha Chaturthi being celebrated on August 31

1 The much-loved God was not 'born' like other human beings. How did he manifest?

2 Who decapitated Ganesha in anger which led to him getting an elephant's head?

3 Because of which pronounced features is Ganesha also called Lambodhara and Vakratunda?

4 Which Indian freedom fighter is credited for making the Ganesh Utsav a large, well-organised community event?

5 Though many consider Ganesha a bachelor, there are instances where he is depicted with two wives. Name these two wives.

6 For which epic was Ganesha the scribe and what did he use as a stylus to pen the monumental work?

◄ Arguably the most famous Ganesha pandal is this one in South Mumbai. How is the God referred to here? •PTI

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The first president of the Indian National Congress. **Ans: W. C. Bonnerjee**
2. This person was the president of the INC during India's independence. **Ans: J. B. Kripalani**
3. This person is credited with introducing the free Midday Meal Scheme for school children as Chief Minister of his State. **Ans: K. Kamaraj**
4. Born an Englishwoman, this person became the third woman and second European-born woman to be elected INC president. **Ans: Nellie Sengupta**
5. This person was the Defence Minister of India when Bangladesh was liberated in 1971 and also served as President of the Congress in 1970-71. **Ans: Babu Jagjivan Ram**
Visual: This road in Kolkata is named after a Congress President who served two terms in that post in 1907 and 1908. **Ans: Rashbehari Ghosh**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir"

"Good morning. How is Raju?"

"He is fine, sir. I like him very much. There is no love lost between us."

"What do you mean?"

"I mean I like him very much sir."

"But why do you say there is no love lost between us?"

"I mean it, sir. We have not lost any love between us. We like each other."

"'There is no love lost between us' doesn't mean that. It means 'we dislike each other'. So be careful when you use it. 'There is no love lost between the two groups' means that the two groups don't like each other."

"I am most surprised, sir. So it means the opposite of what it says."

"You are right But keep in mind what it *means*."

"Sir, what's the difference between 'humour' and 'good humour'?"

"'Humour' is 'the capacity to cause or feel amusement'.

He has a delightful sense of humour.

'Good humour' does not mean humour that is good. It means 'cheerful mood or disposition. 'Humour' in this context means 'temporary mood or frame of mind'.

We can go and see him now. He seems to be in a good humour.

When a man is displeased or in a bad mood, you say that he is out of humour or in a bad humour.

Don't talk to him now. He's out of humour."

"I must go now, sir. I have to meet a friend of mine. He is in trouble now. He was debarred to take his examination last week."

"I am sorry to hear that. By the way, you are debarred from taking the examination and not debarred to take the examination. 'Debar' goes with 'from'.

In certain countries, women are debarred from voting in elections.

He was debarred from attending the meeting."

"How do you pronounce 'sword' sir?"

"The 'w' in 'sword' should be cut off. 'Sword' rhymes with board and ford. Always remember that the 'w' in 'sword' is silent. Let's stop here, Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

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'Wide disparity in availability of manpower in govt. hospitals'

A clearly defined Health Human Resources policy recommended for State

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Pointing out wide disparities in distribution and availability of specific and specialised manpower in government hospitals across districts, the Karnataka Health Vision Group has recommended a clearly defined Health Human Resources (HRR) policy.

The policy should focus on structuring, augmenting, rationalising, distributing and utilising human resources in different geographical areas and in diverse disciplines, stated the recently released report brought out by the Vision Group.

The Vision Group that studied the HR situation in Karnataka with data available from the Department of Health and Family Welfare during the end of June 2021 found several deficiencies in the public health sector. During June 2021, Karnataka had 40,744 ASHA workers, 3,214 male health workers, 6,543 female health workers, 156 programme officers, 6,838 nurses, 1,886 pharmacists, 1,840 lab technicians, 228 physicians, 237 surgeons, 477 OB GYN specialists, 375 paediatricians, 289 dentists, 462 radiologists and 1,127 other specialists working in the public sector. "It is crucial to note that wide disparities exist in their distribution and availability across and within districts," stated the report.

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"The State does not have a clearly defined HHR policy covering public health, clinical care and medical and allied education; coordinating units and mechanisms that can direct HR policy and programmes. There is distortion in the manpower development process due to imbalance in the public and private sector..." said the report, arguing for scientific mechanisms.

Former director of NIMHANS G. Gururaj, who is the chairman of the Health Vision Group, told *The Hindu* on Tuesday that the recommendations made were based on the situation in June 2021.

"The situation would have changed following the pandemic. However, there is an urgent need to conduct an HHR study to determine the existing workforce of all categories of health care professionals in government, public sector undertakings (PSUs), private sector and medical and health universities for a scientific gap analysis," Dr. Gururaj said.

Vacancy positions

The report found that the vacancy position was high in male health workers category at 43.28% with the highest vacancies in Chamarajanagar, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Chickaballapur, and Uttara Kannada.

While the vacancy position was 29% in the female health worker category with the highest vacancies in Chamarajanagar followed by Kolar and Chickaballapur it was 23.05% for nurses with the highest vacancies in Raichur.

Likewise, the vacancy position for pharmacists was 31.36% with the highest vacancies in Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Chikkamagaluru. Of the 18.94% shortfall of lab technicians, the highest requirement was in Kodagu and Chamarajanagar.

State Health Commissioner Randeep D. said human resource availability has "improved considerably" in the last one year following the second wave of COVID. "Overall, we are short of 334 specialists' and 105 MBBS doctors posted as General Duty Medical Officers (GDMOs) now. Most vacancies in other categories have also been filled up," he said.

"For these critical vacancies too, a proposal has been sent to the government and on approval the process of recruitment would be completed in this financial year itself," the Commissioner said.

Micro-study in Kolar

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A micro-study of human resources was undertaken in Kolar district to map infrastructure and human resources during April-May 2021. The study found deficiencies in general and specialist manpower in the public sector with greater availability of all categories of medical manpower in the private sector – 265 vs 666. Data collected from the district administrations also revealed that there was a higher concentration of facilities in Kolar, Mulbagalu and Srinivasapura taluks.

Artificial protein shell to combat COVID-19

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

During the first COVID-19 wave, when Saumitra Das, a professor at the Department of Microbiology and Cell Biology (MCB), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), and colleagues were sequencing thousands of samples every day to check for SARS-CoV-2 variants as part of INSACOG, the Government of India's genome surveillance initiative, they were racing against time to track mutations as they appeared. The needed an assay system if they wanted to predict whether one of these mutations was going to be dangerous from a public health perspective.

The assay protocol widely followed, said an IISc release, involved isolating the virus from the samples, creating multiple copies of the virus, and studying its transmissibility and efficiency at entering living cells. Working with such a highly infectious virus is dangerous and requires a Bio Safety Level-3 (BSL-3) lab, but there are only a handful of these labs across the country equipped to handle such viruses.

To address this problem, Prof. Das and his team, along with collaborators at IISc, have developed and tested a novel virus-like particle (VLP) - a non-infectious nanoscale molecule that resembles and behaves like the virus but does not contain its native genetic material - in a study published in *Microbiology Spectrum*.

Having previously studied the Hepatitis C virus for 28 years in their lab, the team began working on a VLP for SARS-CoV-2. They first had to artificially synthesise a VLP with all the four structural proteins - spike, envelope, membrane and nucleocapsid - seen in the actual virus.

"Such VLPs have several uses. They can not only be used to safely study the effect of mutations that may arise in SARS-CoV-2 – without requiring a BSL-3 facility – but can also potentially be developed into a vaccine candidate that can trigger an immune response in our bodies," said the release.

SARS-CoV-2 replicates by producing each structural protein separately and then assembling them into a shell containing the genetic material inside to form an active virus particle. To recreate this, the team chose a baculovirus – a virus that affects insects but not humans – as the vector (carrier) to synthesise the VLPs, since it has the ability to produce and assemble all these proteins, and replicate quickly. Next, the researchers analysed the VLPs under a transmission electron microscope and found that they were just as stable as the native SARS-CoV-2. At 4 degrees Celsius, the VLP could attach itself to the host cell surface and at 37 degrees Celsius (normal human body temperature), it was able to enter the cell, explained the release.

The researchers have applied for a patent for their VLP and hope to develop it into a vaccine candidate. They also plan to study the effect of the VLP on other animal models, and eventually humans.

Kempe Gowda statue: Govt. to launch campaign

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Ahead of the unveiling ceremony of the 108-feet bronze statue of Bengaluru founder Kempe Gowda on the Bengaluru International Airport premises, the State government has decided to launch a 45-day campaign involving the public.

During the campaign, which would be launched by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on September 1, mud will be collected from lakes, ponds, *kalyanis*, rivers, *pushkarinis*, and streams in all the villages of the State. The mud will also be collected from the houses of achievers in various fields across the State. This would be used in developing a theme park that houses the statue. An action plan detailing the campaign is expected to be announced by the government on Thursday.

The Kempegowda Development Authority has named the theme of this campaign as 'Nada kattona Banni'. The State government is thinking of naming the statue as the "Statue of Prosperity".

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Sd/- **Superintending Engineer, Elecl., Trans (Maint), BMAZ North Circle, Ground Floor, KPTCL Office Complex, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru - 560 009. Ph: 080-22386686.**

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through -E-Procurement)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL Bangalore the Executive Engineer, KNNL IPC DIVN No,1 Kalaburagi, invites the Percentage tender for 12 works of Gandorinala and Lower Mullamari Projects, under 4701 and 2701 Head of works for the year 2022-23. I No 33576, 33771, 33776 (Others); 22770 (ST reserved)in KW-1, I No. 33580, 33581, 33577 (Others); 33578, 33579 (SC reserved) in Single cover system and I No 33589, 33590 & 33591 in KW-4 Two cover (Turnkey) system. Details are as below.

Events & Dates

1) Amount put to tender : **Minimum Rs 2.77 Lakhs Maximum Rs 273.59 Lakhs,** 2) EMD Amount : Minimum Rs 5288.00 Maximum Rs 273561.00, 3) Access to e-Tender document: **02.09.2022 at 11.00 AM to 12.09.2022 at 5.00 PM**, 4) Queries and Pre bid meeting at Division office : **07.09.2022 at 11.00 AM,** 5) The last date & Time for receipt of tenders: **12.09.2022 upto 5.00 PM**, 6) Opening of bid (Single cover system) & Opening of technical bid (Two cover System) : 14.09.2022 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer KNNL IPC Div No 1 Kalaburagi, 7) Opening of Financial bid (two cover System): **22.09.2022**

Further additional information can be had by visiting website www.eproc.karnataka.gov. in and the office of the under signed during office hours (Phone No 08472-220590) . All other terms and conditions as per original notification.

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This is with reference to Tender notice published for MOBILE VETERINARY CLINIC VAN WITH FABRICATION as per the decision taken by the technical committee to consider the proposal for rectification in the specifications of Mobile Veterinary Clinic Van with Fabrication (Ambulance Van) Para 5 Bid Documents Clause No.-5.2.4, Part-I :- Vehicle Specification, INDEX Points 1.01, 2.07, 2.08 Part-II :- Fabrication works, Sl.No.- 25, 26 which are as follows :-

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3	2.07	Cargo dimension length	Minimum 3300 MM	Minimum 3100 MM or above
4	2.08	Cargo dimension width	Minimum 1680 MM	Minimum 1600 MM or above
5	Annexure-5 Part-II Specifications for Customization of MVUs Sl.No-25	Connectivity with Call Centre	Seamless connectivity with government call centre including calls recorded for future reference with voice to text to voice transcription feature to help veterinarian create quick prescriptions	Removed
6	Annexure-5 Part-II Specifications for Customization of MVUs Sl.No-26	Record Maintenance	Mobile Veterinary unit should have integrated and comprehensive treatment, healthcare, health record maintenance, IT solution for animals.	Provision of rack in Mobile Veterinary Unit for keeping record related to Treatment, Health Care, Vaccination etc registers/file

PR 276727 Animal Husbandry(22-23)D *Director Animal Husbandry Jharkhand*

Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Bangalore Rural, Beerasandra, Devanahalli Taluk,
Ph No.: 080-29787463 Mobile: 9448367736
e-Mail-Id: eerdwsd.bngr1@gmail.com
No. EE/RDW&Sanitation Division/BR/TB/Tender22-23/896 Dt: 29.08.2022

Short-Term Tender Notification No. 13/2022-23 Dt: 29.08.2022
(Only through e-Procurement portal)

Tenders are invited on behalf of Governor of Karnataka according to KTPP Act 2000 through E-procurement Portal for the works under 2021-22 2215 H/A under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) to **Provide FHTCs to House Holds in Bengaluru Rural District** (Standard Tender Document KW-1, KW-2 & KW-3) Application & EMD Payment to be done through E-Procurement Portal.

General conditions: (1) Contractor has to upload Document through online only (2) All qualifying documents has to be attached in online. **(1)** Tender Schedule can be downloaded from website: **After 4.00 p.m.** on **01.09.2022. (2)** Last date for tender uploading: **Up to 4.00 p.m.** on **16.09.2022. (3)** Date of opening of Tender / Technical Bid: **After 04.05 p.m.** on **17.09.2022. (4)** Date of opening of Financial Bid: **After 11.00 a.m.** on **21.09.2022.**

More details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned and also through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking **List of Tenders** which will link to all Dept. works list.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Bengaluru Rural.
DIPR/DD-C.P/2006/MCA/2022-23

CHAMUNDESHWARI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Superintending Engineer(Ele) Office, O&M Circle,
Jodi Basaveswara Road, Mysore. Telephone No : 0821-2462131, 2462132
NO:SEE/EE(O)/AEE(O)/F-72/2022-23 /5342 Date: 30-08-2022

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Portal Only)

Superintending Engineer (Elec), O&M Circle, CESC Mysore invites Short term tenders from eligible bidders for carrying out temporary illumation works on hire basis for roads, Circles and different insignia during Dasara festival-2022 under total turnkey basis. The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **31.08.2022, 16:00 hrs** onwards for clarification regarding participating through e-portal. Please contact **help desk +91-8046010000 & +91-8068948777**or e-mail address **support@eprochelpdesk.com**

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DIPR/MYS/KA/ITA/436/2022-23 **Sd/- Superintending Engineer Ele., O&M Circle, CESC, Mysore.**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South), BBMP, South Zone, 9th Cross, 9th Main, Jayanagar, 2nd Block, Bengaluru - 560011.
No: SADH(S)/TENDER/09/2022-23 Date: 30-08-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South Zone), (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders to Implement Fifteenth Finance Programmes in accordance with KTPP Rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person / Agencies / Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-2, KW-3 & KW-4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Beautification and Development of Horticulture Works at Vijayanagara Constituency.	27,00,000/-	54,000/-
2	Beautification and Development of Horticulture Works at Basavanagudi Constituency.	60,00,000/-	1,20,000/-
3	Beautification and Development of Horticulture Works at Jayanagara Constituency.	60,00,000/-	1,20,000/-
4	Beautification and Development of Horticulture Works at Padmanabhanagara Constituency.	85,00,000/-	1,70,000/-
5	Beautification and Development of Horticulture Works at BTM Layout Constituency.	1,20,00,000/-	1,80,000/-

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 02-09-2022.** 2) Date of Pre Bid Meeting: **02-09-2022 at 10.00 AM.** 3) Date of Tender Closing: **09-09-2022 upto 4.00 PM.** 4) Date of Opening of Technical bid: **12-09-2022 at 4.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South Zone), BBMP.

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GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, PAKUR.

Very Urgent E-Procurement Notice (4th CALL)

E-Tender Notice Reference no- 22/DWSD/PKR/2022-23 Dated : 29.08.2022

1	Name of the Department	Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
2	Date of publication of Tender on Web site	01.09.2022/ 04.30 P.M
3	Date of Pre-bid Meeting	05.09.2022 at 12.30 PM in the Office of Engineer-in-Chief, D. W. &S Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi
4	Last date /Time for receipt of Bid	12.09.2022/ 05.00 PM
5	Last date /Time for receipt of E.M. Cost & B.O.Q. Cost	13.09.2022/02.00 PM (1) Office of the Executive Engineer, DW&S Division, Pakur . (2) Office of the Superintending Engineer, DW&S Dumka Circle, Dumka (3) Office of the Zonal Chief Engineer, DWSD, Dumka Zone, Dumka
6	Date of Opening of Tender	13.09.2022/ 05.00 P.M
7	Name & address of office inviting tender	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Pakur, Jharkhand.
8	Name & address of Opening Officer	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Division, Pakur.
9	Contact no of Procurement office	9264195682
10	Helpline no. of e-procurement Cell	0651-2480345
11	Construction of Solar Based Mini Water Supply Scheme (SVS) in Amrapara Block, comprising of suitable R.C.C./Framed structure ESR, Distribution Lines, Source (as required) , FHTC & 5 years Operation and Maintenance all complete job in the Pakur District "On Turnkey Basis" Under DW&S Division, Pakur for the year 2022-23.	

Sl. No	Group No	Block	No of Panchayat	No of Village	No of Scheme	Estimated Cost (In Lac.)	Earnest money (In Lac.)	Cost of BOQ (In Rs.)	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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I T.V Swathika daughter of Mr.B Vaithiyanathan born on 28th May 2003 (District of birth: Pudukkottai)residing at No:55,9th Main road,Ganesh Nagar, Kattur, Tiruchirappalli-620019 shall henceforth be known as V.Swathika. This Change of Name is published in Tamilnadu Government Gazette Part VI-Section-4 advertisement number 13985

I ,**Gayathiri** T A S, W/o Balaji R/o B004/ Rose Garden Appt, Bannerghatta Road, Arakere, Bflore-560076 have changed my name from Gayathiri T A S to Gayathiri Balaji vide affidavit dated 25.08.2022 Sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bflore-560034.

I, **SANA** Ul Huq, S/o Manzoor Mohiddin Khan, R/at Flat No.1 D, 1st Floor, 44 Haines Road, Near Santhosh Hospital, Pulikesh Nagar, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005 have changed my name from Sana Ul Huq to Sana Huq, vide affidavit dated 30-08-2022 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, Bangaluru.

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Between
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And
Mr. V. Ambika Prasad ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Defendant:
Mr. V. Ambika Prasad, S/o. Sri. Varadaraj, Aged about 40 years, No.113, Vedant Vihas, Ground Floor, Hulimavu Main, Off B G Road, Allahabad Bank, Bangalore - 560 076

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs.7,76,558/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Eight Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-58) in person or through a Counsel who is able to answer the claim made against you on 15.10.2022 at 11.00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte. Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 22.08.2022

By order of the Court
Deputy Registras,
City Civil Court,
Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
S A Associates, No. 10th, 7th Cross, Victoria Layout Bangalore- 560047

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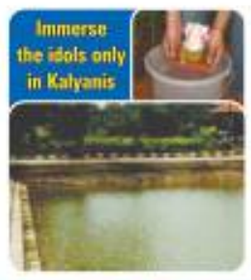

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Secretary Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department

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RISE 10:08 SET 22:04

FRIDAY, SEP. 02
RISE 06:09 SET 18:30
RISE 11:03 SET 22:50

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Tumakuru	29	23
Mysuru	29	19
Bengaluru	28	19

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable and humid. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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Two days of incessant rains have brought city infrastructure on its knees and raised questions over the ambitious highway project

Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway now gets Dec. deadline

Officials confident of opening Bengaluru-Nidaghatta stretch by September 25

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In the news for being inundated following heavy rain and lake breaches even before completion, the ambitious Bengaluru-Mysuru project is set to miss its original deadline. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), which was aiming for a Dasara deadline, is now hoping to complete the project by December.

Sources said that the formal inauguration of the project is likely to happen before State Assembly elections next year. In March, Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari had announced that the entire expressway would be opened for motorists by October. In the first phase, there was a plan to open the Bengaluru-Nidaghatta stretch in July, and then it was revised to September.

At present, the NHAI has partially opened the bypass in Bidadi and Ramangaram to Channapatna. An official said by September 25, the stretch up to Nidaghatta will be opened, including the flyovers, and prior to Dasara, efforts will be made to open at least three bypasses beyond Nidaghatta.

"Incessant rain and other factors affected the pace of the work. For sure, the stretch up to Nidghatta will be opened by September 25. In the rest of the 61 km, the works have reached an advanced stage. In the 15 to 20 km stretch, due to resistance from land owners and other factors, the work has slowed. Our aim is to open three bypasses beyond Nidaghatta for motorists who are travelling to Mysuru during Dasara season," said an official of the NHAI.

The expressway has multiple structures, such as an 8-km long elevated corridor, nine major bridges, 42 minor bridges, four railway overbridges and five bypasses, which is touted to ease traffic congestion and significantly reduce pollution.

But the much-hyped expressway has been in the news for all wrong reasons of late. After the unprecedented rainfall in Ramanagaram district, several underpasses were inundated with rainwater, resulting in hardship for motorists using the under construction highway. The NHAI faced the wrath of motorists, who alleged design flaws and blocking of natural streams for resulting in flooding of the road. At many locations, underpasses were inundated and the proposed toll gates flooded . At an underpass, five buses and several cars were stuck in water on Monday, and they had to be removed by using cranes. Motorists faced a harrowing time due to traffic snarls on the highway.

On accusations of flaws in design of the expressway, an official said, "It is because of the heavy rain that the low lying areas of the highway were flooded. However, to take corrective measures, we are studying the flow of the stream and whether there any blockages. All measures will be taken for free flow of the water," an official said.

The Bengaluru-Mysuru Road near Ramanagaram. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

Opposition leaders hit out at NHAI

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Opposition parties have lashed out at NHAI and blamed design flaws for inundation of the road. Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy hit out by saying that Sangappanadoddi underpass turned into a swimming pool after inundation. He also took a dig at BJP MP Prathap Simha for allegedly blaming lakes breaching their bunds resulting in flooding of water instead asking NHAI to take up corrective measures.

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar criticised the NHAI by saying that faulty plans resulted in flooding of water. He ridiculed the engineers who had designed the highway and said they must get "Padma Vibhushan" awards.

Replying to the Opposition leaders, Mr. Simha, in a social media post, said that alignment of the highway was also cleared by the respective State government departments during the approval stages. He said that there is a need for doing a comprehensive survey on blockage of streams that resulted in flooding with Revenue, Small Irrigation, Forest and others departments and if NHAI is at fault, corrective measures will be taken.

East, southeast parts of city bear the brunt of overnight downpour

DARSHAN DEVAIAH B.P.
BENGALURU

Incessant rainfall on Monday and Tuesday left many citizens taking to social media to complain about flooding in several areas, especially in east and southeast Bengaluru.

Rainbow Drive Layout on Sarjapura Road was flooded after a drain overflowed again, according to the residents. Civic body officials were sent to the spot to pump out water from the layout after rainwater entered many homes.

A few residents shared WhatsApp group chats on social media calling for SOS help from the authorities. K.P. Singh, a resident, said: "Water has risen significantly in Rainbow Drive Layout and many residents are now stuck inside their homes, unable to even open their doors and windows."

Civil Defence personnel and fire fighters deployed a boat to rescue the residents of Rainbow Drive.

Radha Reddy Layout in Doddakannelli, Sarjapura Road, was completely submerged too. Krishna Prasad, a resident said everyone was stuck inside their homes.

Parts of Bommanahalli, especially a few areas in Bilekahalli, were also under knee-deep water. Fire personnel were seen pumping out water.

Rain also impacted the DNA Eden View Apartments, in Borewell Road, Nallurahalli, where the entire campus was flooded and around 300 residents were stuck inside their houses, said one of the residents. The highest rainfall recorded was 109 mm at Vijnana Nagar, Mahadevapura Zone, according to the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC). On Monday, the city received 48.47 mm rainfall, according to the KSNDMC website.

The forecast for Bengaluru till September 1 is generally cloudy skies with light to moderate rainfall. "Widespread moderate to heavy rains with isolated very heavy rains is likely over BBMP area. Maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 28 and 19 degrees Celsius, respectively," the IMD said in the statement.

Rain damages homes of pourakarmikas

The residents of a settlement of pourakarmikas and daily wage workers in the city's Doddanekkundi area were in for a harrowing time as the area was inundated due to rain. Their houses were damaged. The BBMP Pourakarmikara Sangha alleged that despite several complaints to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), no help was offered to the residents. "The residents have been taking shelter in a nearby temple since late Monday night. Most of them here work as pourakarmikas for the BBMP. During the rains, water enters our houses and damages our belongings," said Ramadevi, a resident.

A member of BBMP Pourakarmikara Sangha said they submitted a complaint demanding immediate action from the BBMP Commissioner on the provision of homes and temporary shelters. "There have been repeated demands from the union to ensure the provision of proper housing for pourakarmikas, and the Chief Minister had also given an assurance to provide housing after a four-day strike. However, no steps have been taken placing pourakarmikas and their families, including children, in an extremely vulnerable condition," he added.

The flooded premises of DNA Eden View Apartments, Borewell Road, Nallurahalli. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Outer Ring Road near Bellandur. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Firefighters and Civil Defence personnel evacuating a patient from the Rainbow Drive Layout. • PTI

Rains claimed 96 lives, destroyed crops on 5.8 lakh hectares since June

Total losses estimated to be around ₹7,647 crore

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The rains have claimed 96 lives since the onset of southwest monsoon this year in June, besides resulting in destruction of crops on 5.8 lakh hectares of land, according to Revenue Minister R. Ashok.

The Minister told reporters in Bengaluru on Tuesday that 29,967 people in various districts of the State had been affected by the rains so far. Of them, 9,555 people had been relocated to safety, he said. In addition to this, 1,471 bridges and 2,223 km of roads had been damaged due to heavy rains and the subsequent floods, the Minister said.

The total losses due to rains since June were estimated to be around ₹7,647 crore, he said, while pointing out that the State would seek aid from the Centre. The State had already released ₹250 crore towards rain relief, he said and maintained that Karnataka had given more rain relief than other States.

Referring to the forecast that indicates rains for some more days in the State, the Minister said all precautionary measures, including deployment of five NDRF teams in different areas, had been taken.

'Scientific parameters'

He said officials had been directed to clear water logging on Bengaluru-Mysuru highway. The Minister defended that the highway project had been planned and implemented as per scientific parameters, while responding to allegations that its design was faulty.

Unprecedented rains have brought Asia's largest market for tender coconuts in Maddur to a standstill

MINI TEJASWI
BENGALURU

Unprecedented heavy rains, floods and road damages have brought Asia's largest market for tender coconuts located in Maddur of Mandya district to a standstill in the last three days.

The supply of tender coconuts has been reduced by 90% in Maddur wholesale market in the last few days owing to heavy rains. This has disrupted not only local markets but also markets for tender coconuts across the country, as per Sunil Kumar M.J., a wholesale dealer of tender coconuts in Maddur.

Many destinations

The market at Maddur dispatches over 300 truckloads of tender coconuts, each truck carrying at least 12,000 nuts, to various parts of the country including New Delhi, Mumbai, Pune, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Bhopal, J&K, Kolkata, Goa, Hyderabad and Chennai. More than 60% of tender coconuts, grown and harvested in Mandya, Chamarajnagar, Kollegal, Malavalli, Bannur, Nagamangala, Pandavapura, K.R Pete, K.M. Doddi, Srirangapatna, Kirugavalu, Gudigere and Somanahalli, are sold outside the State while the remaining 40% of tender coconuts are marketed within the State with Bengaluru alone consuming over 25% of it, according to officials at Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC).

But most tender coconut vendors in the city were off as they did not get any supply in the last two to three days.

Nagaraj who sells tender coconuts on K.R. Road said, "I usually get 200 to 300 nuts delivered from Maddur every day. But I have not got any supply in the last two to three days. So I shut my business for the time being." Similar situations prevailed for vendors in R.T. Nagar, Vijayanagar, Kammanahalli and New BEL Road as well. According to K.S. Nagesh, chairman, APMC, Maddur, tender coconut yield is usually low in the months of July and August and on top of it, heavy rains played havoc in the market. "Farmers are not able to harvest coconuts as climbing wet palms is dicey during heavy rains. Also, the free movement of vehicles has become tough due to water logging. This has resulted in poor supply impacting local and pan-India markets. The situation will improve once rains subside and harvesting resumes," added Mr. Nagesh.

Shreyas M.S, of Vishu Traders at Maddur, has also confirmed that the tender coconut market has been witnessing a huge short supply in the last couple of days and this has pushed up the prices of tender coconuts to the advantage of the middlemen, however, farmers still received only some ₹20 a piece.

IN BRIEF

Draft electoral list published

BENGALURU

The BBMP has published the draft electoral list on August 25. According to a release, the list is available to the public at all the offices of Electoral Registrar, Assistant Electoral Register. Further, claims and objections regarding voter lists can be filed at the offices of the Electoral Registrar and Assistant Electoral Register by September 2. Complaints can also be lodged on BBMP Helpline 1533 and BBMP Sahaya Application.

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the e-Auction Notification No. **BDA/EM/e-Auction/T-03/2022-23 dated 14.07.2022 published in this newspaper on 01.08.2022** due to a technical error the closing of live bidding of Auction for sites of Sl. No. 1160 to 1222 has been rescheduled from 30.08.2022 to 02.09.2022, 1800 hrs. and for sites of Sl. No. 1223 to 1283 **Last date and time to express interest of participation** has been postponed from 30.08.2022 to 09.09.2022 16.00 hrs and closing of live bidding is on 12.09.2022, 1800 hrs. BDA regrets for the inconvenience. The other terms and conditions remain the same.

Sd/- Engineer Member

Government of Jharkhand
Department of Mines & Geology
Directorate of Geology
Engineers' Hostel No-2, 2nd floor,
Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004
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Corrigendum NOTICE

This is to inform to all concerned that the tender invited through MSTC/RNC/DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY/8/RANCHI/21-22/31882 (NIT No.- 25/2021-22) & MSTC/RNC/DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND GEOLOGY/11/RANCHI/21-22/31884 (NIT No.- 26/2021-22) dated 08.02.2022 for the e-auction was published on 17.08.2022 in different News Papers vide PR.No.- 275784 (Mines and Geology) regarding **Ghatkuri Iron Ore Block-I**, West Singhbhum, Jharkhand is hereby postponed till further notice due to unavoidable reasons.
This has been issued with approval of competent authority.

Sd/-
(Director, Geology) Directorate of Geology
Department of Mines & Geology
Government of Jharkhand

PR 276800 (Mines and Geology)22-23*D

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that, my clients have entered into a sale agreement dated 03.08.2022 in respect of the western portion of the residential vacant site No.21, present BBMP PID No.54-130-021 carved out of Survey No.93/2, situated at Kathriguppe Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palika, Kathriguppe Grama Revenue, 3rd Cross, BBMP Ward No.163 (old No.54), Bangalore, measuring East to West 20 feet, North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 600 Sq.ft owned and possessed by Smt.V. PADMAVATHI and her children. Katha in respect of the aforesaid property stands in the name of the Smt.V. PADMAVATHI, who has paid property tax up to date to the office of BBMP, Bangalore City.
In view of the above, it is hereby notified that, claims of ownership or such other claims if any have in respect of the schedule property, the same may be notified to the address given below in writing together with supporting documents with in a period of 7 (seven) days from the date of this notification. If no valid claims or objections are received within stipulated period, my clients shall be at liberty to proceed with and complete the process of sale in respect of the aforesaid property. Claims/objections if any received on expiry of the stipulated period will be ignored.

A.T.MANOHAR Advocate
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Sarakki Gate, 1st Phase,
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Cell: 9902936363

Date: 29.8.2022
Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule of property from its owner viz., **Mr. K B Veeresh** having his residence at Site No. 5, 1st cross, Munireddy layout, DODDANEKUNDI, Bangalore
If anybody is having any objection, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/ claims/ details of disputes within **Seven (7) days** from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/ objections/ disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/ objections/ disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY:
All that the land, complete building & build-up area in Property **NO. 05**, Katha NO. 476, New No. 10 which comes under **Doddanekkundi, KR Puram Hobli, BETQ** Measuring: E to W 40 ft and N to S 30 ft, totally 1200 sq.ft BBMP Katha No. 5/476/10;
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SOUTH : Property No. 4 of Yashod Kumar,
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6	84221019	Natural and Artificial Fibre Thermoset	1452 Nos.	21-09-2022
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8	75221054A	Densified Thermal Bonded Polyester	4487 Nos.	30-09-2022
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1. Tender for provision of Juice Shop are invited from suitable contractors for 450 Cadets and 115 Govt employees and their families.
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3. Last date of tender : 30 Sep 2022. For further details pl contact mob No.8073625024 and 9599522358.

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Has your organisation inked in a policy on talent mobility?

Companies that have such talent programmes in place invest considerably in upskilling and reskilling their employees

LIFFY THOMAS

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After 11 years in Unisys India, Vinay Lakshminarasimaiah is experiencing the excitement of "starting all over again". Vinay is one of 15 associates going through a wringer of upskilling and reskilling programmes before being inducted into a talent pool drawn from four business units. This exercise is Unisys India's version of talent mobility, which it calls UGrow.

The uncertainties thrown up by the pandemic have led organisations to take talent mobility more seriously, and invest in such talent pools.

Ashutosh Garg, CEO and co-founder, eightfold.ai, feels talent mobility is not only about retention, culture and improving diversity and inclusion, but also about developing a learning culture in the organisation.

Panchali Dabholkar joined Amdocs one-and-a-half years ago as a learning and development specialist, having functioned in that space for nearly two decades with an impressive track record.

Recently, she embraced "learning" in a whole new sense. She switched to the 'People Partner' function at Amdocs, the move requiring her to pick up new skills.

How could Panchali make that switch, as senior managers generally would not want their departments to be deprived of exceptional talent?

A refreshed internal mobility policy had made this move possible for Panchali. It had lowered the criterion for applying for new positions – just one year in the current role was sufficient to seek a new position.

Organisations cannot make talent mobility work without having a clear policy around it.

"Previously, one had to get permission from the current manager. Now, many companies are setting up policies where one need not get that permission," says Ashutosh, adding that the employee only has to make sure they follow the rules laid down in the talent-mobility policy.

"Once an associate finds a job, the current line manager has to relieve the person in two months or 45 days. An associate must be allowed to apply if he/she has completed a certain number of years," says Ashutosh.

Companies are also making it clear that employees will be considered for a role before it is opened to outsiders.

Panchali says internal mobility policy must be employee-centric, and the process can be made anonymous.

New technologies

Artificial Intelligence has emerged as a tool for enabling internal mobility.

Ashutosh explains, "Instead of an employee searching for a job, a recommendation comes to the person through AI. Through the platform, companies can frame their own criteria like associates can apply for one level up or down and their performance criteria must meet certain requirements. It can also be made anonymous, if required, so that biases can be removed."

NEWS BYTES

Nominations invited for PoSH awards

After the first round, the shortlisted companies will be put through an employee survey to assess the effectiveness of their PoSH initiatives

KelpHR has opened registrations for the third edition of its PoSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment) Awards, inviting registrations from small, medium and large companies.

According to a press release, organisations shortlisted from the first round will have to go through an employee survey to make it to the top 25 safest workplaces in India. The winners be judged on various parameters relating to PoSH compliance, which include formation of an internal committee; the number of complaints handled; training and sensitisation; diversity, equity and inclusion; and workplace safety for employees within and outside the office. KelpHR PoSH Awards were instituted in 2020 to recognise and honour organisations that work towards creating happy and safe workplaces.

The jury that would judge the organisations for the awards consists of lawyers, activists, social entrepreneurs, HR experts and government officials. For details, visit www.kelphrposhawards.com

'Sleep' at work and get rewarded for it

Wakefit has launched a process to select interns whose job largely involves using a mattress and a sleep tracker

Wakefit.co, which provides home solutions, including mattresses and furniture, is offering a novel internship to students. It is called 'The Wakefit Sleep Internship Season 3' and the interns stand to win a title – 'Sleep Champion'.

The interns will be selected through a rigorous process and will be provided with a state-of-the-art mattress and a sophisticated sleep tracker. They will also be counselled on ways to improve their sleep health through empowering sessions with sleep specialists, fitness professionals, nutritionists and wellness experts, said a release.

In the previous edition, 15 candidates from across the country were selected as sleep interns, having slept nine hours for 100 days. Triparna Chakraborty from Kolkata, one of the finalists for the season, was crowned 'India's First Sleep Champion', added the release. For details, visit https://www.wakefit.co/sleepintern/?utm_source=PR

A new platform for paid internships

Monster.com has started Zuno, a platform that would offer students paid internships and jobs to those who have just completed their education. In addition, it has launched a fellowship programme.

The platform would provide paid internship opportunities to candidates between the ages of 17 and 25, those who are currently pursuing undergraduate or postgraduate courses, says a press release from monster.com. The rewards for interns may not always be in cash; it can also be non-cash rewards such as free courses from leading edtech platforms the release notes.

GENERAL

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Advertisement

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Dy. Secretary,
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Notice

The list of selected candidates for engagement of **Traffic Officer** on contractual basis is available at Paradip Port Authority website. Candidates appeared in the online written test may visit our website **www.paradipport.gov.in** under "**Career**" to know the result.

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APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR FOR IGIDR
(Corrigendum)

Please refer to the advertisement for Director, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), dated June13, 2022. This Corrigendum is being issued in order to specify the Director's age in line with the regulations issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC).
It may be noted that the Director's appointment will initially be for a period of five years and he / she will be eligible for reappointment for further term(s) of five years or less at a time / upto the age of 70 years.
The applicant should not be aged more than 65 years as on June 30, 2022.
Applications/nominations along with a detailed curriculum vitae (in the prescribed format only), may be emailed to **igidrsearch2022@rbi.org.in** or mailed to IGIDR Search Committee 2022, C/o Corporate Strategy & Budget Department, Central Office, Reserve Bank of India, Main Building, 2nd floor, Shahid Bhagat Singh Marg, Mumbai 400001,so as to reach before **5:30 p.m. on September 14, 2022.**
Those who have already applied need not apply again.
The Search Committee set up for the purpose has also the right to fill up the vacancy by invitation.

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CMRL invites applications from qualified and experienced personnel for appointment for the following positions on contract basis: -

Post Code	Name of the Post	No. of Post	Consolidated Pay (Per Month)	Min. Exp. (Yrs.)	Max. Age (Yrs.)
01	GM (P&BD)	01	Rs. 2,25,000/-	20	Min - 45 Max- 55
02	JGM (Design)	02	Rs.1,25,000/-	15	43
	DGM (Design)		Rs.90,000/-	13	40

Note:
i. Age, qualification & experience stipulated for above posts should be as on **31.08.2022.**
ii. Selected candidates may be considered for IDA Pay Scale on contract basis subject to satisfactory completion of 2 years contract period, depending upon the requirement of CMRL and performance of the candidate.
iii. Please refer to the detailed employment notification published in CMRL website vide URL: **https://chennaimetrorail.org.**
iv. Last date for receipt of application is **24.09.2022.**

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दक्षिणी क्षेत्र, चेन्नई, तमिलनाडु – 600027
Southern Region, Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600027

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Regional Executive Director
Southern Region, Chennai

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01	कनिष्ठ सहायक (अग्निशमन सेवा) गैर–कार्यपालक–4	88	13	11	20	शून्य	132	19	शून्य	31000-92000/-
02	कनिष्ठ सहायक (कार्यालय) गैर–कार्यपालक–4	05	1	02	1	1	10	1	3	31000-92000/-
03	वरिष्ठ सहायक (लेखा) गैर–कार्यपालक–6	07	1	03	01	1	13	2	3	36000-110000/-
04	वरिष्ठ सहायक (राजभाषा) गैर–कार्यपालक–6	शून्य	शून्य	शून्य	01	शून्य	01	शून्य	शून्य	36000-110000/-

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क्षेत्रीय कार्यपालक निदेशक
दक्षिणी क्षेत्र, चेन्नई

Case filed against Murugha Mutt seer under SC/ST Act

Dalit group holds protest in Chitradurga demanding his immediate arrest

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HUBBALLI

Amidst Dalit activists seeking arrest of the head of Brihan Mutt Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru who is facing charges of sexual harassment of two minor girls, a case was filed against him under the provisions of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, as one of the victims belongs to a Scheduled Caste. He was earlier booked under the provisions of POCSO Act.

Meanwhile, the victims of the alleged sexual harassment were produced before the court in Chitradurga on Tuesday.

Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru • FILE PHOTO

Crowd on court premises

The two girls were escorted by the police from the Bala Mandir to the Second JMFC Court and their statements were recorded under Cr. PC 164. Many people gathered around the court premises on getting information about the victims being brought to the court and they raised slogans demanding the arrest of the seer. The police subsequently dispersed the crowd.

On Tuesday, members of the district unit of Karnataka Dalit Sangharsha Samiti staged a protest near the Deputy Commissioner's office in Chitradurga demanding the seer's arrest. Leading the protest, the district office-bearers of the samiti accused the police of shielding the accused. They said that if anyone else was involved in such an act, he would have been put behind the bars by now. However as the seer was influential, he was neither being questioned nor any action was being taken against him.

There was tight security at Bala Mandir where the victims have been kept and at the Brihan Mutt, which is being visited by devotees, seers of various mutts, and leaders.

Support of seers

Meanwhile, addressing presspersons as a representative of around 20 seers who visited the mutt on Tuesday, Mummadi Shivarudra Swami of Marulagavi Mutt, Kanapura, said that a "conspiracy" had been hatched to defame Murugha Sharanaru who initiated a rational movement and expressed confidence that the seer would come out clean in the case.

He said that after being anointed as head of the mutt, Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru attracted the attention of the State through his rationalist activities and ensured overall development of the mutt. "However some vested interests that were against the rationalist movement have hatched conspiracy against him. The truth will come out. The seers of all the branches of the mutt and seers of various communities have stood behind the seer in this fight," he said.

Questioned

Nearly twenty seers from different mutts including Basavamurthy Swami of Madara Chennaiah Gurupeetha, Immadi Siddarameshwar Swami of Bhovi Gurupeetha, Shanthaveera Swami of Kunchitiga Gurupeetha, Basavakumar Swami of Ganiga Mutt, Basavaprabhu Swami, Shivabasava Swami, Mahantarudra Swami and others were present at the press conference. However they left quickly after some of the devotees questioned seers of Dalit communities about their silence on the Dalit victim.

BJP looking at PM's September 2 visit to Mangaluru to boost morale of cadre

Party hopes it will build tempo for 'Janotsava' programmes; expects 1 lakh to attend

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU/MANGALURU

The political situation in the Assembly poll-bound Karnataka is hotting up as Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit the State for the second time in less than two and half months after his earlier visit.

Mr. Modi is visiting Mangaluru this time to launch various official projects (worth a total of about ₹3,800 crore) on September 2. He would also be addressing a public programme on the occasion. His earlier visit was also for launching and laying foundation for official programmes in Bengaluru and Mysuru on June 20 and 21.

Though the Mangaluru visit is an official one, the political context in the State, marked by a serious attempt by the Congress to gain strength and launch an aggressive campaign against the ruling BJP over allegations of 40% commission for granting contracts, has provided a political focus to the Prime Minister's visit. This is even as the saffron party is facing anguish from its own party cadre in the wake of the killing of its activists in Dakshina Kannada district. The party is keen to boost the morale of the cadre and bring the focus back on preparations for 2023 Assembly polls.

'Janotsava'

The BJP, which had cancelled the anniversary programme of its government earlier due to the killing of its party worker, is now trying to build a momentum through the Prime Minister's programme, before going ahead with the anniversary conventions titled 'Janotsava' scheduled to begin from September 8.

Meanwhile, the BJP Dakshina Kannada unit said that about one lakh party workers would attend Mr. Modi's programme scheduled at Goldfinch city grounds at Kuluru in the city on September 2.

Addressing presspersons, Sudarshan Moodbidri, Dakshina Kannada BJP president, said in addition to one lakh workers, the district administration has plans to invite about 70,000 beneficiaries of various Central welfare schemes to the programme. Thus, there is likely to be a congregation of nearly two lakh people at the venue, he said. Mr. Moodbidri said the party has booked 1,461 buses and 200 tempo travellers to enable them to reach the venue from different parts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi. It has completed booth-level meetings in all eight Assembly segments in Dakshina Kannada to invite the party workers to the programme.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, and others will attend the programme, Mr. Moodbidri said.

Meanwhile, the BJP has hoisted its flags at several places in the city, including the median of the National Highway 66 to welcome the Prime Minister. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has cleaned the highway. Potholes on the highway have been filled up.

Tentative schedule

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

As per the tentative schedule, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will arrive at Mangaluru International Airport at 1 p.m on September 2. Later, he will use a helicopter to reach New Mangaluru Port Authority premises at Panambur. He will later arrive at Goldfinch city grounds by road by 1.15 p.m. The official programme will be till 3 p.m.

HC refuses to interfere with HDMC decision to allow Ganesha festival at Hubballi Idgah

Issue of Hubballi Idgah Maidan is different from that of Bengaluru, says court

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In a late-night court proceeding, the High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday declined to interfere with the decision of the Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation (HDMC) to permit celebration of Ganesha festival at Idgah Maidan, Hubballi.

Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the interim order at 11.30 p.m. on a petition filed by Anjuman-E-Islam, Hubballi, by declining to accept the petitioner's plea to restrain the HDMC from allowing installation of Ganesha idol at the maidan. The petitioner had questioned the decision taken by the House panel of the HDMC to allow Ganesha festival for three days from August 31.

The court prima facie noted that the issue of Hubballi Idgah Maidan was different from from issue of Idgah Maidan of Chamarajpet in Bengaluru. While there was a dispute over the title with regard to Chamarajpet maidan, the HDMC was the absolute owner of Hubballi Idgah Maidan as the title was confirmed by the civil courts in Hubballi and the High Court between 1972 and 1992, and these orders were finally confirmed by the apex court in 2010, the court noticed.

The petitioner on Monday (August 29) had moved the High Court seeking urgent hearing of its petition questioning the legality of the decision taken by a House panel of the HDMC.

Hearing on holiday

Though it was holiday for the High Court from August 29 to August 31 in view of Gowri-Ganesha festival, the court convened a special sitting at 11 a.m. on Tuesday to hear the petition.

When the petition was taken up for hearing at 11 a.m., Justice Kinagi adjourned further hearing till 3.30 p.m. as it was informed by the advocates of the petitioner as well as the HDMC that a similar issue was being considered by the Supreme Court on Tuesday as the Karnataka State Board for Auqaf had filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) before the apex court in the Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan case.

Advocates for the petitioner and the HDMC said that the petition could be considered after the board's SLP was examined by the apex court, which was expected to decide the matter later in the day.

In the SLP the board had questioned August 26 interim order of the High Court's Division Bench permitting the State government to consider pleas to hold religious and cultural activities at the Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan

Hearing at 4 p.m.

When the petition was taken up for hearing again at 4 p.m. by the High Court, it was informed that the apex court was yet examine the SLP. However, the advocate for the petitioner conceded that an interim order may be passed in terms of the order passed by the Division Bench in the Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan case while seeking a liberty to move the High Court in case the apex court passes any order on the SLP.

Following these submissions, Justice Kinagi passed an interim order around 5 p.m. and permitted the HDMC Commissioner to consider the applications received for installation of Ganesha idol, religious and cultural activities. However, the court had reserved the liberty to the petitioner to knock the doors of the High Court again in case the Supreme Court passed any order in the Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan case.

Later, a three-judge Bench of the apex court passed its order around 6.15 p.m. on the Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan issue and this order made the petitioner to request the High Court re-look at the interim order passed around 5 p.m.

Hearing at 10 p.m.

Following this request, the High Court listed the petition for hearing at 10 p.m. During the hearing Additional Advocate-General Dhyan Chinnappa, appearing for the HDMC, said that issues in Hubballi and Chamarajpet were different in facts as there was no dispute over ownership in the Hubballi maidan unlike in the Chamarajpet case. Mr. Chinnappa also said that HDMC Commissioner had already permitted an organisation to celebrate Ganesha festival at the maidan by imposing several conditions acting on the basis of the court earlier interim order passed around 5 p.m

However, it was contended on behalf of the petitioner that permission granted for Ganesha festival violated the Places of Worship Act, 1991.

Conservation drive

A huge replica of a whale shark installed during the launch of the year-long 'Save Whale Shark' campaign, in Mangaluru on Tuesday. • H.S. MANJUNATH

Kidwai Cancer Society gives free medicines

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Kidwai Cancer Society (KCS) distributed medicines worth ₹8,000 to 54 cancer patients from various cancer hospitals at a function organised to mark Founder's Day.

KCS felicitated 30 doctors who have been participating and helping in cancer awareness and detection camps in various parts of the city, said a release. Ramachandra, Kidwai director, said that consumption and use of tobacco was one of the major causes of cancer, that has substantially increased among women in recent years.

Govt. trying to break contractors' association: Siddaramaiah

Leader of Opposition accuses the BJP of misleading public

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Accusing the BJP of misleading the public by stating that the Opposition was behind the allegations made by Karnataka State Contractors' Association president D. Kempanna, Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah said that attempts were being made to break the association instead of addressing the issues of contractors.

Association meeting

In a statement, Mr. Siddaramaiah the former Chief Minister said that if those who run the government knew law, they would not have accused Mr. Kempanna of such things.

"Many, including Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, have been asking why Mr. Kempanna met me. He met me along with a delegation from the association. The association representatives had met the Chief Minister too. The association has now accused that the commission in BBMP for civil works has gone up from 40% to 50%," he said.

Siddaramaiah

- Mr. Siddaramaiah has said that the government can take criminal action against the contractors if their allegations are found to be untrue in judicial inquiry.

Pointing out that the contractors' association has been fighting for their issue since last one year, he said: "If government had taken their letter seriously, the current situation would not have arisen. People have seen the quality of civil works. A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to Bengaluru, the road done for his visit sank," he said. Mr. Siddaramaiah accused the government of misleading public by "letting lose goondas" when he went to inspect poor quality civil work in Madikeri that had been covered by tarpaulin.

Asking why the government was not handing over the 40% accusations to judicial inquiry, he said: "Isn't the contractors' demand under the Constitutional provisions? In the last three years every demand of the Opposition for judicial inquiry has been rejected."

Right of contractors

Mr. Siddaramaiah said that the government can take criminal action against the contractors if their allegations are found to be untrue in judicial inquiry. "Are you in a democratic set up or dictatorship to restrict the rights of the contractors to approach me? I have as much right and responsibility as you have."

New Nandini products

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Karnataka Milk Federation, on the occasion of Gowri and Ganesha festival, released eight sweets, two types of cookies, paneer muruku, and Goodlife chocolate gift box on Monday under brand name Nandini. The sweets include khova badam roll, khova cashew roll, khova choco nutty roll, khova laddu, jaggery burfi, paneer burfi, Kalakand, and green gram laddu.

The products were released by KMF Managing Director B.C. Sathish at KMF central office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Public in general that I, Krishnendu Manna, am desirous of purchasing Site No.72, formed out of Survey No.200, situated at Chikkathirupathi Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, to be sold by M/s. Kansur Developers, the land Owner and others.

If any one has got any right, title and interest over the said property ,he/she can make a claim or objection in writing to me within a period of ten days in my below mentioned address failing which it shall be deemed that no one has got any claim, right, title or interest over the said property except the Seller.

Krishnendu Manna
Ankuras parkview Apartment, Nagraj Layout, #102, First Floor, Ambedkar Nagar road, Whitefield, Bangalore 560066.

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & G.W.D DIVISION, TUMKUR
Ref No. 08/2022-23 (Turnkey Basis Method) "E" PROCUREMENT DT. 26.08.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION Dated: 26.08.2022

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of State of Karnataka, as per K.T.P.P act with latest amendments, Item wise "e"-procurement tenders are invited for the works mentioned under H/A 4702-00-789-0-00-422-SCP, from the elgible contractors of suitable category registered under KPWD/MI. Tender publishing details are as given below.
1. Tender will be published through e-procurement on: Dated: **29.08.2022.** 2. Pre bid meeting will be conducted on Office of the Superindent Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Circle, Bangalore on Dated: **03.09.2022** at 11.30 Hours. 3. Last date of queries on Dated: **03.09.2022** at 11.30 Hours. 4. Last date for Receipt of completed tenders through e-procurement portal may be uploaded before 17.00 Hours on Dated: **12.09.2022** 5. Technical Bid will be opened on Dated: **13.09.2022** at 17.05 Hours. 6. Financial Bid will be opened on Dated: **15.09.2022** at 11.30 Hours. For further details, visit e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or from the office undersigned, on working days. If the office happens to be closed on dates above as specified, the next working day at the same time and venue will be considered.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D Division, Tumkur

DIPR/TUM/451/MCA/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS TO NOTIFY THE GENERAL PUBLIC that our client proposes to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property from **Dr. B.L. Sujatha**, Wife of **Sri. Prakash. K. Rathod** and **Sri. Prakash. K. Rathod**, Son of **Late Sri. K.T. Rathod**, both residing at: No.C-90, 5th Cross, Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore – 560 052, presently residing at No. 70, 14th Cross, 1st Block, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-560 032, who have represented that they purchased the Schedule Property from **Sri. Shanthi Lal. M** and **Smt. Shobha Devi**, in terms of a Sale deed dated 15/02/2007, registered as Document No.4791/2006-07 in Book-I and stored in C.D No.GAND80 in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore. Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 10 days from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on our client and our client will proceed to purchase Schedule Property as if there are no claimants/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that residential Property consisting of a Site along with Residential Building bearing Municipal No.7 (Old No.190 & Later No.190/7), situated at 14th Main, Vasanth Nagar, Ward No.78/Vasanthnagar, (PID No.78-116–7), Bangalore-560052 and Site measuring East to West : 40 Feet, North to South : 60 Feet and totally measuring 2400 Sq.Ft., and bounded by :-

East by : House No.191;
West by : House No.189;
North by : Road;
South by : Embassy Woods Apartments.

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Date: 31-08-2022

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DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
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E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, item rate e-tenders are invited for the following work:

Title of work	**Modification to Conference Hall at ILC, Mumbai - Civil & PH, Electrical and AC Works**
Tender Notice No.	**CMG/ISRO-HQ/C/M/15/P/2022-23, dated 30.08.2022**
Estimated Cost put to tender	**Rs. 20.72 lakhs**
Period of completion	**45 days**
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	**From 18:10 hrs. on 30.08.2022 to 23:59 Hrs. on 05.09.2022**
Last date and time for receipt of tenders	**Up to 11:00 Hrs. on 08.09.2022**
Due date & time of opening of tenders	**11:30 Hrs. on 08.09.2022**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 41,440/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed tender notice on **www.isro.gov.in** The detailed tender notice and tender documents can be downloaded from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Head, CMG, ISRO HQ

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SHORT TERM E-TENDER
(Through GOK E– Procurement Platform http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR(ADMIN) AND EX-OFFICIO DISTRICT PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR, SAMAGRA SHIKSHANA KARNATAKA CHIKKODI DISTRICT INVITES SHORT TERM E-TENDER FOR SERVICE OF district level - Mis – Co-ordinatore/ Data Entri Operatore, "D" Group, Night Watchman. And Block level-Mis–Co-ordinatore/ Data Entri Operatore /Account Assistant/"D" Group MANPOWER OUT SOURCES IN THE DISTRICT AND BLOCK LEVEL

1)The e-tender document is available on the website http://www.eproc.karanataka.gov.in. The same can be downloaded from the internet. 2)It would be noted that all the subsequent notifications, changes and amendments on the document would be posted on the following website http://www.eproc.karanataka.gov.in.

Short term E-Tender Reference:No. SSK/MANPOWER/CKD/2022-23, Availability of E-Tender Document:Through E-Procurement Portal, Tender Value:Rs.95.75 lakh, Date For Uploading The Filled Proposal E-tender Document:23/08/2022 to 12/09/2022 up to 17.30 hrs, through E-Procurement Portal, Tentative Time and Date Of Opening Of Technical Bid:14/09/2022 Time :11.00 hrs, Time and Date Of Opening of Financial bid:16/09/2022 Time:11.00 hrs or After the verification of technical bid, Address for Communication: Samagra Shikshana Karnataka, CHIKKODI O/o. DDPI (Admin), District Administrative Building Chikkodi–591201 (9448999432/9448999335), Emd amount:2,39,389/-

Sd/-Deputy Director(Admin) and Ex-Officio District Project Co-ordinator Samagra Shikshana Karnataka Chikkodi

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-799/MCA/2022-23

State varsities must follow our policies: Stalin

He reiterates opposition to NEET, NEP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin at a conference of the Vice-Chancellors of universities on Tuesday in Chennai. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said on Tuesday that the State-run universities "must function as per the policy decisions of the State government" and the Vice-Chancellors should act accordingly.

At a conference of the Vice-Chancellors of these universities organised by the Tamil Nadu government at Anna University here, the very campus where he shared the dais with Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a convocation last month, Mr. Stalin reiterated the Tamil Nadu government's opposition to the National Eligibility-Cum-Entrance Test (NEET) and the National Education Policy (NEP). His comments come against the backdrop of Governor-Chancellor R.N. Ravi conducting meetings with the Vice-Chancellors and pushing for the NEP 2020.

Points to legislation

Mr. Stalin recalled the Assembly having adopted a legislation to empower the State government to appoint Vice-Chancellors to the State-run universities and contended that the decision was based on the recommendations of the Punchhi Commission, which was constituted by the Union government on the Centre-State relations.

"It is to do with the rights of the State government. The issue of education right at State universities is the right of the government elected by people. So universities should function within the policy decisions of the State government and you all Vice-Chancellors should act accordingly," he said.

Seeking to explain the rationale behind the State's stand against NEET, Mr. Stalin contended, "We are not opposing it out of fear. We are opposing it because it is not a stepping stone but an obstacle. It is education that should determine the qualification. It is a huge injustice to claim one can study [medicine] if only he/she qualifies [in an exam." The Tamil Nadu government opposed NEET only because it [the government] had earned educational rights, because it upheld self-respect, because it is a society that developed through education, Mr. Stalin contended.

Justifying the constitution of a committee led by a retired High Court judge for framing the State Education Policy, Mr. Stalin said it was a step towards creating a science-based Tamil society. Quoting from the Fundamental Duties laid out in the Constitution about developing scientific temper, he said, "I have that duty. The Vice-Chancellors have it, too. So do educationists."

Incidentally, it was at the same venue Mr. Modi had last month advocated for the NEP. Minister for Higher Education K. Ponmudy said the syllabus should be framed to help students crack competitive examinations, including the civil service examinations. He also highlighted the need to address issues over appointment of teaching staff.

Minister for Agriculture M.R.K. Panneerselvam; Industries Minister Thangam Thennarasu; Law Minister S. Regupathy; Minister for Animal Husbandry Anitha R. Radhakrishnan; Health Minister Ma. Subramanian; Minister for Environment and Forests Siva V. Meyyanathan; Chief Secretary V. Irai Anbu; Vice-Chairperson of the State Planning Commission J. Jeyaranjan; and senior officials were present.

Of the 22 State-run universities in the State, two were established before the Independence and only one was established between 1947 and 1967.

"The remaining 19 universities were established over 50 years after 1967 by the Dravidian [party] governments," Mr. Stalin said, adding that ₹3,000 crore was being spent on these universities every year.

Flooded rivers keep Kerala on the edge

STAFF REPORTER
KOTTAYAM

Even as the torrential showers that hit different parts of the region the other day stayed away on Tuesday, overflowing rivers and brimming reservoirs kept Central Travancore region in Kerala on the edge for another day.

Water level in all major rivers across the area witnessed a sharp rise owing to the extreme rain that hit the high ranges for hours from Monday evening.

The low-lying parts of Kottayam town, meanwhile, experienced heavy flooding with the run-off water from upper reaches including places like Pampady, which had witnessed flash floods, flowing in.

The authorities have opened ten relief camps in the district, which accommodated 225 people from 60 families.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Bihar, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Lakshadweep. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, central Maharashtra and Konkan & Goa

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	36.6	27.6
Ahmedabad	–	35.1	26.4
Aizawl	19	28.1	20.6
Allahabad	–	34.6	26.3
Bengaluru	94	28.8	20.2
Bhopal	–	30.0	23.0
Bhubaneswar	–	35.6	24.9
Chandigarh	–	35.6	27.1
Chennai	–	33.2	26.4
Coimbatore	9	32.2	23.4
Dehradun	9	32.9	23.7
Gangtok	0.4	20.4	17.6
Goa	0.8	28.8	24.9
Guwahati	0.2	33.0	25.9
Hubballi	–	28.0	22.0
Hyderabad	2	32.0	22.0
Imphal	–	32.1	20.6
Jaipur	–	34.3	26.2
Kochi	71	27.8	24.2
Kohima	2	23.8	16.5
Kolkata	–	36.0	27.6
Kozhikode	0.8	29.8	23.5
Kurnool	7	34.0	25.2
Lucknow	–	34.5	26.6
Madurai	7	33.5	24.5
Mangaluru	1.8	30.0	24.1
Mumbai	0.3	31.5	25.2
Mysuru	26	30.3	20.0
New Delhi	0.2	34.5	24.6
Patna	–	34.8	27.8
Port Blair	–	31.2	26.6
Puducherry	–	33.0	25.4
Pune	–	32.6	21.7
Raipur	1.8	32.0	25.0
Ranchi	23	32.4	23.1
Shillong	1	24.5	18.0
Shimla	20	26.3	18.9
Srinagar	–	30.0	16.6
Thiruvananthapuram	11	30.6	23.1
Tiruchi	0.2	33.3	25.5
Vijayawada	1	33.4	25.0
Visakhapatnam	0.1	34.0	27.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	74	67	103	90	101	Moderate
Bengaluru	6	25	62	100	73	Good
Chennai	14	15	30	184	–	Moderate
Delhi	19	31	51	143	148	Moderate
Hyderabad	9	2	106	62	71	Moderate
Kolkata	4	52	17	16	35	Good
Lucknow	26	46	101	53	64	Moderate
Mumbai	18	4	113	213	161	Poor
Pune	–	35	88	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	10	29	13	42	66	Good

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Yamunanagar, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 297 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor, Moderate, Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Kerala passes Bill on Lok Ayukta

It says power of competent authority rests with the legislature, not the Governor

STAFF REPORTER
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

An activist during a protest against the Kerala Lok Ayukta Bill. • FILE PHOTO

The Kerala Assembly on Tuesday passed the Kerala Lok Ayukta (Amendment) Bill, amid a boycott by the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) Opposition, which tore up copies of the Bill and walked out, calling it a black day in the history of the State's legislature.

It accused the Left Democratic Front government of using its majority to defang an effective anti-corruption mechanism. The Governor's assent now becomes crucial for the Bill, which according to the Opposition would face legal hurdles owing to the "anti-constitutional amendments."

Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala raised a point of order over the Subject Committee, to which the amendment Bill was earlier referred to, making further amendments without any special instruction from the House or the Speaker.

The amendments were related to the competent authority to consider Lok Ayukta recommendations. In the case of any unfavourable decision from the Lok Ayukta against the Chief Minister, the competent authority will now be the Legislative Assembly instead of the Governor in the existing Act.

Citing precedents, Speaker M.B. Rajesh ruled that the Subject Committee had the power to amend any section intimately connected to the amending Bill.

Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan said the amendments were against the principle of natural justice by which "no one should be a judge in their own cause." The amendments are a clear case of encroachment of power as it has handed over the powers of the judiciary to the legislative and the executive.

In his reply, State Law Minister P. Rajeeve said the amendments being made were in line with the Lok Pal Act, and even improved upon some of its clauses, especially the requirement that the competent authority had to cite a reason for rejecting the Lok Ayukta recommendation.

Sri Lankan Airlines finishes first phase of airlifting aid

MURALI N. KRISHNASWAMY
CHENNAI

Sri Lankan Airlines has completed the first phase of airlifting essential medicines gifted by Indian donors to hospitals in Sri Lanka.

With health-care facilities and hospitals in the island-nation facing a shortage of crucial drugs, the cargo division of the airline, in association with 'SriLankan Cares', the carrier's corporate social responsibility wing, has been transporting medical products donated since June.

A senior manager of the airline told *The Hindu* that the freight charges on the consignments of life-saving medicines weighing up to 3,000 kilograms had been waived. Presented by organisations and individuals in Bengaluru, Chennai, New Delhi and Mumbai, these had been distributed across Sri Lanka.

The official said that from Tamil Nadu, medicines had been contributed by an individual and the Rotary Club of Erode as aid to The National Hospital of Sri Lanka, while medical supplies had been gifted by Fourrts (India) Laboratories (Pvt.) Ltd. and the Christian Medical College, Vellore.

The official added that more donations of medicines and medical equipment were expected in the months ahead.

Government of Karnataka
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No.Sup/31&31Part-1/2021-2022 Dt:26.08.2022

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION (CALL-3)

Sub: Re-Tender Notification with Regard to Human Resources Services for the Post of Group D in Taluk General Hospitals and for Non clinical Group D Services in Taluk General Hospitals.
Ref:As per the approval by District Commissioner Mandya Date : 06.05.2022

The above Short Term Re-Tender Notification has been Published Regarding Human Resources Services for the Post of Group D in Taluk General Hospitals and for Non clinical Group D Services in Taluk General Hospitals for the Year 2022-23 (Till 31.03.2023). Those who are interested and eligible can apply for the above Tender as per the KTPP Act. For Further information you can visit website: http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. If any amendments in this Tender is done It will be published in the above mentioned Portal. The Details regarding the above Tenders is mentioned below in A-1 and A-2
Total Number of post to be filled

A-1:- Sl.No : 01. Particulars : **All 06 Taluk General Hospital in Mandya District.** Total Numbers of Post for Group D Services **: 86.** Total Numbers of Post for Non clinical Group D Services : **58**. Other Staff : --.
Sl.No : 02. Particulars : **Mother and Child Hospital, Malavalli. Malavalli Taluk.** Total Numbers of Post for Group D Services : **04**. Total Numbers of Post for Non clinical Group D Services : --. Other Staff : **Junior Pharmacist-01 Junior Lab Technician-02 Data Entry operator- 01**

A-2:- SL.No : **01**. File No : **Saraba/31/2021-22.** Details : **District Health and Family Welfare Office Mandya regarding outsourcing of services of 58 non-clinical/ sanitary staff for the year 2022-23 to 6 taluk hospitals under its jurisdiction.** Estimated amount of tender : **Rs. 99,50,000-00**. EMD Amount : **2.5% of tender value.**
SL.No : **02**. File No : **Saraba/31 Part-1/2021-22.** Details : **District Health and Family Welfare Office Mandya is about outsourcing the services of 86 Group D and Mother and Child Hospital Malavalli to 6 Taluk Public Hospitals under 2022-23.** Estimated amount of tender : **Rs.1,13,00,000-00**. EMD Amount : **2.5% of tender value.**

Above Tenders Time Line:- (1) Date of tender Notification : **29.08.2022.** (2. Last date for uploading tender in e-portal website : **07.09.2022** till 5-00 P.M. (3) Date for Technical Bid opening : Date: **09.09.2022 After 11-00 A.M.** (4) Date for Financial Bid Opening : **After verification of all technical Documents.**

Sd/-District Health and Family, welfare officer, Mandya

DIPR/AD-MDY/MC&A/302/2022-23

NOTICE
Mac Charles (India) Ltd.
CIN: L55101KA1979PLC003620
Regd. Office: #72/4, 1st floor cunnigham road, Bangalore - 560052
Ph: 49030000, 41799999, Email id:investor.relations@maccharles.com

I, the Shareholder given that below mentioned Share Certificates of Mac Charles (India) Limited have been reported lost. Any persons having objections in respect of the said shares should communicate to the Company or Registrars with necessary proof within 15 days from the date of this Notice, failing which the Company will proceed to consider the application in our favour and thereafter any objection/s in this matter will not be entertained. (Complaint No: 0305653/2022 dt:28.08.2022)

FOLIO NO.	CERT NOS.	Dist NOS. From	Dist NOS. To	Shares	NAME OF THE SHARE HOLDER
M10001	109027 To 109030	12370253	12370452	250	Munna Nawaz

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 30.08.2022
Munna Nawaz
Name of the Share Holder

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE
Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao Road, Nagarabhavi P.O. Bengaluru-560 072. www.isec.ac.in

DATA ASSISTANT - 2 POSTS

Applications are invited for **02 posts** of **Data Assistant**, on contractual basis at Population Research Centre (PRC), ISEC. The last date for receiving applications is **September 15, 2022.**

Detailed advertisement visit: **www.isec.ac.in**

Registrar

ISEC-22/11

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ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಧಾರವಾಡ
ಫೋ:-(0836)2213838 Email : eedharwad@gmail.com

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ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: CEE/TZ/EE(C)-3/AEE(C)/2022-23/11204-06 Date: 29.08.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tender for the following.
Name of the work: **Repairs to existing asphalt road at 400kV station, Nelamangala (Call-3).** Estimate cost in **Rs:70,92,000/- (Inclusive of GST).** Period: **3 months.** The bids will be received through electronic tender mode only. The detailed Notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-Procurement Portal process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-procurement-kptcl"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 05.09.2022**

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electy., Transmission Zone, KPTCL, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560009. Ph: 080-22356320

DEPT OF WOMENS AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT, CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, TURUVEKERE
cdpotvk@gmail.com Ph:08139-288468
NO:CHILD/DE/PRO/TVK/EGG/TRNDER/2022-23 DATE:26.08.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

2022-23 women and child development project office Turuvekere. women and child development Government of Karnataka (Purchases), Invites a Tender of Eligible Tender who are Registerd in e-procurement portal by using ID and Digital Signature for the Supply of Egg to ICDS Project (328 Anganawadi centers) Turuvekere Taluk in Tumkur District as Details given below.
Tender Published Date:- **26.08.2022**, 12.50.51 PM. Last date & Time for Receipt Tender:- **09.09.2022**, 17.00 PM. Tender Number:- CDPO TVK/EGG/DWCD/ /2022-23/IND/1717/CALL-2 Date:-26.08.2022. Web site Address:-www.E-Proc – Karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/-Child Development Project Office, Turuvekere

DIPR/TUM/455/MCA/2022-23

Government of Karnataka - Karnataka Forest Department
Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Forest Division, Sagar
Phone: 08183-226071 E-mail dcfsagar123@gmail.com
No.: A2-BGT-AW-CR-78/2022-23 Date: 29.08.2022

e-Tender Notice (Through e-Procurement Portal)

Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal in two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 from interested Forest contractors registered in Sagar Forest Division as Forest Contractors for the year 2022-23 and having experience of carrying out Forest works for undertaking advance works (including growing saplings) in various forest zones coming under Sagar Forest Division for the year 2022-23. Last date for submitting tenders for the said works has been fixed as: 21.09.2022 up to 4.30 PM. If the tenders are not submitted by the prescribed date the next date is fixed up to 28.09.2022. For further information this office can be contacted and details of the tender can be obtained through the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sl N.	Details of Work	ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ	Amount of Work (in Rs.)	E.M.D. Amount fixed (in Rs.) (1%) for SC/ST	E.M.D. Amount fixed (in Rs.) (2.5%) for Others	Time Period for completion of work	Unit of work	Annexure
1	Advance works (including growing saplings)	CAMPA(NPA)	47,92,000/-	0	0	31.12.2022	1	1
2		CAMPA(NPA	47,92,000_	0	0	31.12.2022	2	1
3		CAMPA(NPA	47,92,000/-	0	0	31.12.2022	3	1
4		Eco-Budget	11,98,000/-	0	0	31.12.2022	4	1
		Total	1,55,74,000/-					

Sd/- (M.RamaKrishnappa)Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sagar Forest Division, Sagar

DIPR/smg/No.144/08/mca/22-23/847

Department of Women and Child Development,
Office of the Child Development Project Officer,
Sri Sai Complex, Opp. Shadi Mahal, D.V.G. Road, Bagepalli,
Chikkaballapura, Karnataka-561207.
Phone No.:+91-08150-295055, e-mail: cdpooffice_bagepalli@yahoo.in
No.: CDPO/BGP/EGG T.R.N./2022-23 Date: 23.08.2022

E-TENDER NOTICE

Subject: Regarding publication in newspaper that applications are invited online through e-procurement portal as Re e-Tender is invited for distribution of Eggs to 381 Anganwadi Centres coming in the limits of Child Development Project, Bagepalli Taluk for the year 2022-23.
Ref:(1) DWCD/2022-23/IND1731, Date:15.07.2022 **(2)** DWCD/2022-23/IND1731/CALL-2, Date: 23.08.2022
Related to the above subject e-Tender was invited as per Ref.(1) from eligible firms/agencies for distribution of Eggs to 381 Anganwadi Centres coming in the limits of Child Development Project, Bagepalli Taluk for the year 2022-23. Only one Bidder has participated in the said Tender. Therefore that Tender has been cancelled and Re issued vide Ref. (2).
(1) Last date and time for submission of application through e-procurement From **23.08.2022 to 06.09.2022, 5.00 PM. (2)** Date, time and Place of Pre-Bid Meeting: **02.09.2022 at 11.00 AM.Office of the Child Development Project Officer,Department of Women and Child Development, Sri Sai Complex, Opp. Shadi Mahal, D.V.G. Road, Bagepalli, Chikkaballapura, Karnataka-561207.(3)** EMD Amount: **Rs. 2,00,000/- (4)** Date and time of opening Technical Bid: **08.09.2022 at 5.00 PM. (5)** Date of opening Financial Bid:**12.09.2022 at 11.00 AM.(6)** Approx. Value of Tender: **Rs.118,44,000/-**
Further information and complete details of the Tender can be obtained only from from e-procurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For further details phone no. of this office 08150-295055 can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.
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Floods and foes

India and Pakistan are best placed to help each other during natural disasters

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message, in a tweet on Monday evening, expressing condolences to the victims of the flooding in Pakistan, is a welcome gesture, especially after weeks of silence over what has been one of the worst natural disasters in the neighbourhood in recent times. More than 1,100 people have died, and over 33 million people have been affected, as officials say one-third of the country is under water, and estimate about $10 billion in damage to homes, roads and infrastructure. The floods have also affected standing crops, and as the waters recede, fears of disease as well as food shortages are expected to rise. In addition, the worry that the devastating floods have been caused due to climate change is a worry for all of South Asia, one of the world's regions most vulnerable to global warming. On Tuesday, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres launched a global appeal for aid to Pakistan, that he said had been hit by a "monsoon on steroids", indicating unnatural climate patterns. Countries such as the U.K., the U.S., China, the UAE, Qatar and Turkey have already dispatched aid to Pakistan, and many others have promised help, while the IMF announced a $1.1 billion bailout tranche on Tuesday, as part of ongoing negotiations with the country that is already steeped in an economic crisis. Given that the crisis will only deepen at this point, Pakistan Finance Minister Miftah Ismail also said on Monday that he may propose lifting the trade ban imposed on India after the Jammu-Kashmir reorganisation in 2019, so as to import Indian vegetables and essential commodities. Thus far, Islamabad has only made exceptions for pharmaceutical imports from India during the COVID-19 pandemic, and India's humanitarian aid to Afghanistan.

Despite the poor state of India-Pakistan ties, both New Delhi and Islamabad must put aside their domestic considerations, and seize the moment to help those stranded in the flooding as best they can. India cannot pride itself as being the "first responder" in the neighbourhood – as it has been for Nepal, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Afghanistan – if it fails to see the suffering right at its land boundary with Pakistan. It would be churlish and short-sighted of Pakistan to reject an opportunity to lift the trade ban with India that has only hurt its own interests, and to give up a source of affordable supplies at a time of such calamity. And it would be both tragic and ridiculous if the enmity between the two countries would not allow them to work together at a time such as this, even as their governments allow their cricket teams to play each other for financial considerations. Significantly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif are due to travel to Uzbekistan in September for the SCO summit. While a more lasting dialogue, that has been suspended between the two countries for nearly a decade over the terrorism issue, is unlikely, the leaders must find the time to discuss ways to mitigate the catastrophe at hand.

Flogging the dead

The panel of medical experts have put to rest any doubts over Jayalalithaa's death

Sometimes, only a thin line separates use of power from its misuse. Political calculations, not medical sense or public interest, went into the setting up of the inquiry commission probing the circumstances that led to the death of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa in December 2016. In order to ease the process of re-integrating himself with the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) after a period of isolation, former Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam laid a precondition for his coming back to the fold – a probe into Jayalalithaa's death. The AIADMK's Edappadi K. Palaniswami found it easy to acquiesce as the purported antagonist – V.K. Sasikala, Jayalalithaa's aide – was a common enemy. Thus, the A. Arumughaswamy Commission of Inquiry (CoI) was constituted in September 2017. The first sign of trouble in this post mortem deconstruction was when Apollo Hospitals, where Jayalalithaa was treated until her death, claimed the CoI was seeking to fix criminal intent on the part of the hospital. The hospital approached the Madras High Court pleading that the CoI was not qualified to inquire into the correctness of treatment meted out, and went on to suggest, as it did to the CoI in 2018, that a medical board be constituted to assist the judge, but it was rejected. The Supreme Court stayed the proceedings before the CoI in April 2019. In 2021, the Supreme Court favoured the constitution of a medical panel from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, to advise the CoI. This panel submitted its report earlier this month, agreeing with the hospital's submission that Jayalalithaa had suffered a matrix of diseases, for which she was given correct and appropriate treatment, and averred with the final diagnosis.

After umpteen extensions, the CoI finally submitted its report on August 27. It has recommended that the government conduct an inquiry into the role of a few persons, including Sasikala, who did not depose in person before it. Interestingly, the man who was responsible for the CoI, Mr. Panneerselvam too delayed his deposition until March this year, and remained largely non-committal even when he appeared. Evidently, the political advantage the commission provided for the AIADMK had ceased to be relevant. In the interregnum, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam has taken over the reins of the State. To now flog this issue beyond death would be sorely lacking in sagacity, and mark a new low in politicking. The government will do well to put this non-issue to rest once and for all. No political mileage can be squeezed from this report by anyone.

Pledges from Red Fort, pledges by every Indian

The common man can help build an India of the future despite the country functioning in a difficult environment

SAM PITRODA

India celebrated its 75th Independence day with great fanfare, flag flying, feasts, and festivals at home and abroad. It is indeed a great moment to review and to reflect on the occasion and also guide the nation going forward to meet the aspirations of all the people of India. India has accomplished a great deal in the last 75 years. However, a great deal still needs to be performed to deliver the essence of Independence on equality, equity, freedom, inclusion, and creating opportunities for most people at the bottom of the economic pyramid.

Undertakings needing clarity

The Prime Minister in his celebrated speech from Red Fort outlined five pledges to focus on: Making India a developed nation by 2047; removing all traces of colonisation; taking pride in our roots and heritage; unity and integrity; and sense of duty among citizens.

These great pledges need much more clarity and a broader national conversation to socialise and institutionalise for implementation.

First, what kind of a developed nation do we want to be? Do we want a nation with high GDP and a few ultra-rich, like in some western countries, with high inequality, exclusion, poverty, hunger, injustice, violence, and unrest? Or do we want a developed nation with distributed wealth, with peace, prosperity, inclusion, happiness, and equal opportunities for all? Do we want a developed nation for a selected few or for all? This requires laser-like focus on the Constitution, democracy, diversity, freedom, equality, equity, and justice. Do we want clean air, potable water, and adequate energy first? This will require understanding and the implications of independent, autonomous institutions, engaged civil society, decentralised development, and a scientific mindset.

Second, removing all traces of colonisation can only happen if we treat those who are weaker well and abolish scavenging, child labour, the caste system, and male and high caste dominance in our system.

Third, while taking pride in our roots and heritage, we must let go of past prejudices and privileges to look at the future prospects for everyone.

Fourth, unity, and integrity are essential for peace and progress. Still, they will demand a deeper understanding and tolerance of religion, race, caste, customs, language, social status, etc.

Finally, the sense of duty among citizens will require discipline, character, values, morals, ethics, and selfless sacrifice to serve and help others.

A charged environment

Unfortunately, in the present toxic and tense environment, with its polarised politics, top-down governance, command and controlled organisations, lack of open and honest conversation, a managed and manipulated media, high

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on Hindutva, a marginalisation of Muslims and minorities, a renaming of cities, a rewriting of history and a lot more, it is difficult to implement the Prime Minister's pledges. In addition, when the global trend is to predominantly value power and profit, it is hard to get a leader's attention to real issues related to people and the planet. Today, what is good for the planet and the people is not on the agenda of global leaders. So, what are the kind of pledges we need to help achieve the Prime Minister's agenda in this environment?

A much-needed conversation

I suggest we have a conversation on the following five pledges to help build an India of the future.

I will treat every fellow human being with respect, dignity, and love irrespective of their religion, race, caste, colour, custom, carrier, gender, language, or residence. I will study and follow the United Nations human rights charter in language and in spirit and offer all possible help and support to my fellow human beings to make their life safe, secure, and better.

I will work hard to protect the Indian Constitution to safeguard the nation's democracy, freedom, diversity, inclusion, equality, justice, etc., through independent and autonomous institutions, an engaged and active civil society, a rational mindset, and an available legal system.

I will be a good citizen and practise truth and not lies, trust and not mistrust, and love and not hate. I will live by ethical and moral standards – not engage in corruption, tax evasion, crime, hate, violence, drugs, cheating, lies, abuse, personal attacks, vendetta, misinformation, etc. I will not get engaged in taking revenge and will learn to practise anger management, forgiveness and reconciliation. I will respect women, the girl child and the young and protect their interests.

Think of public service

I will devote a few hours a week to public service at no cost in my local community to ensure cleanliness, provide basic needs, feed the hungry, educate and take care of children and the elderly, provide health services, develop skills, play sports, entertain, plant trees, provide mentorship, provide legal services, oral hygiene, transport, fix equipment, run the local library, read stories, etc. I will find my own ways to help others without outside support.

I will practise and promote Gandhian ideas of non-violence at home, in the family, in schools, streets, in the neighbourhood, the community, the village, and the city. I will not use verbal abuse and anger that hurt fellow human beings. In the process, I will develop a rational, logical, and scientific mindset that values facts and not fiction and data and not dogma – the mindset that can carry on meaningful dialogue with respect for the other's opinion and different viewpoints without arguments, anger, insult, and hate; the mindset that can recognise differences through effective communication, collaboration, cooperation, and co-creation.

Needed, a mass movement

To take these pledges and follow them is a tall order. However, unless there are enough people in the country at various levels in government, business, civil society, the defence services, the judiciary, the media, the fields of science and technology, education, health, agriculture, labour, art and craft, and the minorities, women, the youth, etc. who believe, practise and promote these pledges, it would be challenging to turn the tide and build an inclusive nation for all that our founding fathers, freedom fighters, and we would be proud of. I have great confidence in Indian history, heritage, civilisation, and wisdom of the Indian people to bring diverse groups with courage, commitment, and conviction together to promote democracy, freedom, inclusion, and development for all the people of India.

I am taking this pledge. Are you willing to join me?

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Drop the phone checking, draft surveillance curbing orders

With unchecked surveillance by governments and private parties, the top court must be guided by overseas precedents

COLIN GONSALVES

The hype around the Pegasus case (of allegations that the personal communication devices of a range of people in India, including journalists, civil society activists and politicians were targeted illegally using the Israeli-made spyware) and the misplaced hope in the Supreme Court of India (which had appointed a committee to probe the allegations) that the probe outcome would be decisive have now been deflated. There is something terribly amiss which will unfold over time, to reveal that the Centre and the States operate like a police state when it comes to surveillance. Corporations have and carry out the same level of surveillance, completely unfettered by the law. We perhaps placed too much hope in the central government and the Supreme Court. The Court did not have the courage to force the Government to disclose its intrusive activities. "None of your business" was the message sent out by the Union government. Perhaps setting up the committee itself was an exercise in futility.

As far back as 1986, in the Wiretap Act in the United States, the law prohibited private agencies from engaging in surveillance. When government seeks permission to do surveillance it must apply to a Federal Court, and only when there is "no other option". Thirty-six years later, in India, corporate houses snoop on activists and competitors at will and collect huge dossiers on "persons of interest".

In 1997, in Ireland, the Report on Privacy was released with its focus on private parties and it recommended the recognition of a new statutory tort. The report complained of the legal vacuum created by new technology outpacing laws and said that this was a classic case for law reform. Spying by governments was the new threat on the horizon.

The Patriot Act 2001 (or Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001) enacted to counter international terrorism also required court approval. Much before this, the 11-member United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court was established in 1978 when Congress enacted the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). The court was a reaction to political spying. In the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence, a civil liberties protection officer was appointed to report to Congress.

Checks and balances

Here are some other examples.

The New South Wales Law Reform Commission, 2005 established the office of the privacy commissioner with inspectors to investigate complaints.

The United Nations contributed to the development of a legal framework evolving the "no secret" rules. For a government to say that it needed to do surveillance in "national interest" was not good enough at all. As the European Court of Human Rights held, "a secret surveillance system can undermine or even destroy democracy under the cloak of defending it". Court warrants were required to obtain information, the intrusion was to be supervised by independent bodies, records of all surveillance were to be meticulously

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kept, and notices were to be given to those under surveillance. The principle of maximum disclosure would govern surveillance law. Journalists were recognised as being particularly vulnerable.

The Venice Commission Report, 2015 categorically stated that the right to privacy framework was not good enough in the evolving context of long-term societal harm. Independent control and oversight was necessary which included control over the executive, parliamentary oversight, judicial review and oversight of expert bodies. These reforms that took place in Europe seven years ago have yet to reach Indian shores.

Practice 6 of the UN Good Practices on Oversight Institutions includes the setting up of a civilian independent institution. Practice 7 empowers this institution to carry out an investigation and have unhindered access to information. Practice 9 empowers individuals to complain to a court.

The Indian scene is murky

In India, authorities authorise 9,000 interception orders every month, and these orders are not issued by courts but by police officers. Facial recognition technology that is found to be violative of human rights in several countries is routinely resorted to in India, with hardly any protest. Both the European Union and the United States stopped facial recognition sometime ago. The Citizen Lab, a digital surveillance research agency based in Canada, published a report ("Planet Blue Coat: Mapping Global Censorship and Surveillance Tools") saying "Blue Coat devices are being used around the world ... we found these appliances in India". The report talks about a software "PacketShaper" – "we discovered PacketShaper installations in India".

According to another report by Citizen Lab, a surveillance software called "FinFisher" has been found on servers in India. The report says "FinFisher is a line of remote intrusion software whose products are marketed exclusively to law enforcement and intelligence agencies. FinFisher has gained notoriety because it has been used in targeted attacks against human rights campaigners in countries with questionable human rights records. We have found command and control servers for FinSpy in India". The UN General Assembly "Report of the Special Rapporteur" 2013 has said, "[The] Government of India is proposing to install a centralised monitoring system that will route all communications to the central government allowing security agencies to bypass the service provider [,] thus taking surveillance out of the realm of judicial authorisation and eliminating accountability on the part of the State". In 2013, *The Guardian* published a news article placing India at fifth position among countries where the largest amount of intelligence was gathered.

In 2014, the Delhi police issued a tender inviting technology companies to supply Internet monitoring equipment; 26 Indian and foreign companies expressed interest. In 2014, the Centre for Internet and Society, India, published a report titled "The Surveillance Industry in India", which describes the activities of Clear-Trail technologies (an Indian company) and the company's "mass monitoring, Deep Packet inspection".

More reports

There is more.

In 2015, a leading private television channel published an article titled "UPA was client of controversial Italian Spyware firm". In the same year, a leading business daily published an article, "Why Indian Intelligence uses small companies for spying technology". In 2016, another leading English daily published an article that described the setting up of the National Cyber Coordination Centre (NCCC). In 2018, the Justice B.N. Srikrishna Committee submitted a report to the Government which stated that "much intelligence gathering does not happen under the remit of the law, there is little meaningful oversight and there is a vacuum in checks and balances to prevent the untrammelled rise of a surveillance society". In 2019, a news and opinion website quoted a former Home Secretary as saying that he was aware that the Israeli tech firm, NSO, had sold spy software to private firms and individuals in the country.

Instead of wasting time inspecting mobile phones and coming up with hardly any conclusion, the Supreme Court of India could do well to follow the extensive precedents developed abroad and enable binding orders that severely curtail the unlawful surveillance going on in India by the Government and private parties alike.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Tharoor's poll pitch

Although it may not tick all the right columns of contemporary Indian politics, especially the Congress's politics, Congress Member of Parliament Shashi Tharoor would be an ideal choice to be the party's president, more than most of the dyed-in-the wool Congress politicians at a time when the party is at the crossroads (Page 1, August 30) If, as reported, the possibility of his victory against an official nominee is slim, it only underscores what jurist Nani A. Palkhivala famously said about his non-selection to the ICS: "Peacocks cannot win prizes in a poultry show!" In the rare event of Mr. Tharoor getting himself elected, he would be able to bring in a whiff of fresh air to the stale atmosphere in the party.

AYYASSERI RAVEENDRANATH, Aranmula, Kerala

■ The problem with the Congress is that no one seems to be addressing the key issue of the leadership crisis in a free and frank manner. A change in leadership with a credible, charismatic, and intellectually inclined individual such as Mr. Tharoor could infuse new energy in the party. Mr. Tharoor has maintained standards of integrity and neutrality throughout his career. His contribution to business in the Lok Sabha cannot be glossed over as he has introduced some Private Member's Bills on crucial issues.

SATISH REDDY KANAGANTI, Tipparthy, Nalgonda, Telangana

■ If Rahul Gandhi has been termed to be 'immature' and described in other unflattering terms, this is an issue that can be discussed behind closed doors. Which political party does not have internal differences? If a veteran such as Ghulam Nabi Azad found many things in the party to be offensive, especially decisions taken by Rahul Gandhi, why was he silent? Wrong actions should have been questioned instantly, for corrective action. When it comes to Mr. Tharoor's candidature, he is a person with a brilliant and balanced mind, well educated and very articulate. He could fit the bill, appreciates good work and disagrees politely with things that are unacceptable. Few can match his personality and aura. But these qualities may not yield the desired political results.

BALASUBRAMANIAM PAVANI, Secunderabad

Signals from Pakistan

That Pakistan's cabinet is contemplating restoring trade ties with India also shows how vested political interests can damage trade and developmental policies. If things change, this is a 'troika' of opportunity – to send out an unambiguous message to the global community and people who matter in Pakistan that India is willing and ready to trade and extend help barring pre-conditionalities; is ready to consolidate itself as a credible regional partner and give impetus to regional, strategic and diplomatic steps; and use this as a move to jump start SAARC or other pathways to ensure regional peace. Perhaps, a season of bonhomie is upon us, as evinced by the cricket players of both nations, in Dubai recently.

NISHAT BHATOTIA, Manesar, Gurugram, Haryana

Crime watch

The dismal scenario (Page 1, "Violent crimes back to pre-COVID levels", August, 30) reflects poorly on the efficacy of the law enforcing agencies. Collecting data, crime mapping, visible policing, community policing, etc. have no meaning when the crime graph is moving up. Prosecution needs to be fast tracked.

V. JOHAN DHANAKUMAR, Chennai

The age of hyper-lapse consumerism

Consumers and businesses should be mindful of the consequences of their actions

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Consumption is an important element of human civilisation. The success of modern economies is dependent on, and measured a great deal by, the level and nature of consumption. From the hunter-gatherers whose consumption was survival-centric to the millennials for whom consumption is about fulfilling aspirations, the nature of consumerism has seen tremendous shifts.

Changes in consumption

The notion of consumption has changed and today, several streams of thoughts co-exist. The ancient Greek philosopher Diogenes famously showed his contempt for material things by living in a barrel. Since the industrial revolution, the rise of the middle class in developed countries has led to a growth in consumption. While on the one hand, the acquisition and display of material wealth are acceptable and even appreciated by a large section of society, another stream of thought advocates minimalism. The COVID-19 pandemic brought shifts in consumer behaviour. Lockdowns brought more people into the e-commerce fold. Due to the economic impact of the pandemic, the world witnessed a shrinkage of demand. But post-pandemic recovery and suppressed consumerism is now leading to 'revenge shopping'.

Modern-day consumerism is not only about wanting more but also wanting it fast. We are in an age of 'hyper lapse consumerism' – there is a clamour to be the fastest to reach the consumer. The ubiquitous growth of the Internet and the rise of e-commerce have fuelled hyper lapse consumerism, which refers not only to the kinds of products being sold but also to the ease with which consumers order them and the speed at which such products are delivered. According to a study by Invesp, 56% of online consumers between the age of 18 and 34 years expect the goods they have ordered to be delivered on the same day, whereas 61% want their packages even faster – within 1-3 hours of placing an order.

After e-commerce companies made delivery their core competence by putting boots on the ground and even drones in the sky, the competition to deliver faster and better is shaping consumer behaviour and industry patterns. Recently in India we saw food and grocery delivery companies announcing 10-minute deliveries for consumers in select cities. This is being done by strengthening the hyper-local logistical network, leveraging predictive algorithms, process optimisation and, in some cases, providing incentives and disincentives for delivery partners. When the 10-minute delivery plan was announced, policymakers and experts raised concerns that delivery professionals might resort to reckless driving and put themselves and others at risk in their rush to stick to timelines. Indiscriminate work pressure can lead to fatigue, mental health issues and other health issues among delivery professionals. In an industry which offers little to no social security for gig workers, this could have serious consequences. A NITI Aayog report, 'India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy', suggests extending social security for gig and platform workers, including paid sick leave, health access and insurance, and occupational disease and work accident insurance.

Hyper lapse consumerism is not without its benefits. According to NITI Aayog, in 2020-21, about 7.7 million workers were engaged in the gig economy, accounting for 1.5% of the total workforce in India. This is expected to grow to 23.5 million workers by 2029-30, making up for 4.1% of the total livelihood in India. According to a report titled 'Unlocking the Potential of the Gig Economy in India', by Boston Consulting Group and the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, India's burgeoning gig economy has the potential to provide up to 90 million jobs in the non-farm economy alone, generate over $250 billion in the volume of work and contribute 1.25% to the country's GDP in the long term.

At the core of the gig economy growth are behavioural shifts among consumers. Along with being fast, shopping has become more impersonal. The local kirana store owners have paved the way for 'delivery buddies' and OTPs. Many people don't buy groceries on a monthly basis any more; they buy them in a more piecemeal fashion. Often, they prefer getting meals delivered at home instead of going out.

The way forward

Going ahead, there are two paths. Either we continue with hyper lapse consumerism or shift back to a more laid-back delivery model. In the rush to come up with better value propositions for the customer, businesses often tend to ignore the social, ethical, environmental and personal costs of business decisions. These decisions get influenced by, and further influence, consumer needs and behaviour. While advertising serves a positive purpose by educating consumers, much attention has been focused on the question of whether advertising is manipulative.

However, putting the onus entirely on either businesses or on consumers would be unjust. For businesses, the pursuit of valuation, revenue, profits, and the pursuit of equity, social good, good health and environment need not always be mutually exclusive. For consumers too, the pursuit of convenience and amusement should not make them ignorant towards the hardships of many. Social critic Neil Postman contrasted the worlds of George Orwell's *1984* and Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World* in the foreword of his book *Amusing Ourselves to Death*. In *1984*, people are controlled by inflicting pain, whereas, in *Brave New World*, they are controlled by inflicting pleasure.

While much has been written about the regulatory and technical aspects of 10-minute delivery, we must also analyse it from an ethical, social and behavioural perspective. Both consumers and businesses should be mindful of the wide-ranging consequences of their actions, and 360-degree analysis of business decisions must be undertaken for the larger good. After all, technology gives us leverage to solve many problems, but only wisdom can tell us which problems are worth solving.

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The many ways of helping Sri Lanka

There is a strong case for greater Indian engagement, especially in certain sectors

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Recently, Chamal, who drives a battery-operated vehicle in the Peradeniya Botanic Gardens in Kandy, told this journalist that the common man in Sri Lanka greatly values India's support, especially as it comes during a turbulent phase in the island nation's economic history.

In Wellawaya in Uva Province, a self-effacing Sinhalese farmer was busy harvesting his paddy crop raised during the Yala cultivation season (May to August). He interrupted the translator to say that he has received normal yield this time thanks to "the supply of chemical fertilizers from India." In the preceding Maha season (September to March), this small-scale farmer had suffered 50% crop loss on account of the Sri Lankan government's decision to abruptly migrate to organic farming.

Similarly, Nesamalar, who runs a tea shop in Nuwara Eliya of Central Province, said Sri Lankans are aware that India cannot constantly provide generous assistance, but still expect their neighbour to give new loans.

A veteran government official in Colombo pointed out that even "certain fringe groups," known for their anti-India rhetoric, stayed silent when the rest of Sri Lankan society was "tremendously appreciative" of what India did.

Greater engagement

These accounts illustrate how Sri Lankans feel about India's response to the country's economic crisis. India has provided assistance of nearly $4 billion to its neighbour. However, there is a strong case for greater Indian engagement with Sri Lanka, which is still struggling to tackle the crisis. Such engagement need not be confined to liberal loans; it could also include sharing technical expertise or knowledge, or helping the country upgrade skills in different areas of economic activity.

According to a cross-section of people in Sri Lanka, agriculture and allied activities are the priority areas where India can make a difference. For instance, Sri Lanka imports a considerable quantity of milk powder. On average, Colombo annually imports dairy products worth $315 million. Even though this accounts for about 1.5% of its total imports, Sri Lanka's self-sufficiency in dairy production would not only have saved precious foreign exchange, but also reduced despondency among the people during the peak of the crisis. India can help Sri Lanka develop its dairy sector. Given Sri Lanka's natural conditions, including an average annual rainfall of around 185 cm, its enormous potential in dairy development remains untapped. Leaving the rather unsuccessful joint venture project of about 20 years ago with the National Dairy Development Board of India behind, India and Sri Lanka should start afresh in the sector.

Likewise, the poultry sector, which is also in a state of crisis, deserves special treatment because it is unable to come to terms with rising input costs and shortages in animal and veterinary medicines. The domestic production of maize, which is largely used as the primary ingredient in domestic poultry feed, is still insufficient to fulfil the demand. This has compelled feed producers to fall back on high-cost alternatives. In this area, through its host of agricultural universities, India can share its knowledge on ways to increase both production and productivity. Agricultural machinery is another area where Sri Lanka needs a helping hand.

Considering how the problem on the energy front exploded into a major political crisis in Sri Lanka, India's participation in energy projects will be desirable. But this can become a reality only if Sri Lanka's leadership shows the political will to work with India. Even though provisional approvals were recently issued for the Adani Group's wind power projects of over $500 million in the Northern Province, India would not like the Sampur experience repeated. In 2016, a 500-MW coal-fired power project in Sampur was scuttled even after getting environmental clearance.

Despite providing employment to a large proportion of the population and playing a key role in economic output, Sri Lanka's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have not achieved their potential for various reasons, one of which is the low adoption of technology, according to the 2021 annual report of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Even though India has to go a long way in digitising operations of its MSMEs, its programmes including the 'Digital MSME' and 'RAMP' (Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance) can provide leads to the MSME sector.

School education is another area where India's presence could be more felt. India can expand its scheme of establishing smart classrooms and modern computer labs to cover all those institutions teaching children of hill country Tamils, the most underprivileged section in Sri Lankan society. Indian universities can consider setting up satellite campuses in Sri Lanka. A collaborative project can be conceived for training second and third rung employees of the public sector.

And on the culture front, India can arrange for greater numbers of Buddhist monks to visit places of religious importance here.

Helping is in India's interest too

The wish list can go on. There is enormous scope for India to engage in a constructive way with its southern neighbour, which is known for performing better than most other economies in Asia. India can ensure that the proposed development programme is equitably distributed in coverage. Needless to say, the Northern and Eastern Provinces, where the Tamil and Muslim ethnic minorities live, and which were badly hit by the civil war, should be given special attention as their contribution to Sri Lanka's GDP is hardly 10%. This ought to be improved.

Sri Lanka's political class and civil society, which would have observed closely the efficacy of the country's constructive engagement with India in recent months, should facilitate the success of the programme instead of allowing themselves to be carried away by the anti-India rhetoric of a few groups. Given the history of bilateral ties, instances such as the Hambantota controversy are bound to arise. But what should not be glossed over is that a politically and economically stable Sri Lanka will be in India's interest too.

T. Ramakrishnan visited Sri Lanka earlier this month on the invitation of the Sri Lanka Deputy High Commission in Chennai together with the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau

STATE OF PLAY

Reclaiming the nationalistic plank

The Congress is trying to be more aggressive on nationalism, but it could face new challenges

SHUBHOMOY SIKDAR

The Congress's 'Azadi Gaurav Yatra' in August in Chhattisgarh, which was primarily a counter-narrative to the BJP's 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, stood out in terms of its scope as well as timing (the party is seeking a fresh mandate in the State next year).

The issue of aggressive nationalism has traditionally had limited appeal in State politics. However, the Congress believes that Prime Minister Narendra Modi could assume a central role in the BJP's 2023 election campaign, and will likely use national and emotive issues. There were reportedly discussions on the party's need to be more aggressive on nationalism in the 'Chintan Shivir' in Udaipur too. This was followed by the Azadi Gaurav Yatra; the Bharat Jodo Yatra starts next month.

The party concedes that the BJP has an edge on the issue of nationalism, but it also feels that core BJP voters do not identify with anyone apart from Mr. Modi in the party. Such outreach programmes, a Congress worker said, will help dispel the many "myths created around historical figures such as V.D. Savarkar, K.B. Hedgewar and Deen Dayal Upadhyay and reclaim the freedom fighter legacy of the Congress." Additionally, the party is also attempting to "wrest back the BJP's claims on Congress icons such as Sardar Patel".

The Congress participates in 'August Kranti Diwas' in the run-up to Independence Day every year and celebrates icons such as Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi. In addition, in 2019, the Bhupesh Baghel government organised a padayatra to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhi. Mr. Baghel then questioned the BJP's brand of "proactive nationalism," contrasting it with Gandhi's "inclusive nationalism."

During the Azadi Gaurav Yatra, Congress leaders included the contributions made by different social groups in Chhattisgarh in the Independence movement. This was an attempt to assimilate local sentiments with the Congress's legacy at a time when the BJP's programme mainly focused on displaying flags. For its part, the BJP took its flag campaign to some of the remotest parts of the State, such as the households of the Pahadi Korwa, a particularly vulnerable tribal group. Congress leaders and workers told people that the party had organised similar events on the 25th and the 50th anniversary of Independence unlike the BJP. Mohan Markam, president of the Chhattisgarh Pradesh Congress Committee, sent the tricolour to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat urging him to hoist it at the RSS' headquarters in Nagpur, where, the party claimed, the flag had not been hoisted for 52 years.

But the Azadi Gaurav Yatra was more than nationalism. It was organised in every Assembly constituency. Prominent leaders, including 71 sitting MLAs, led the campaign in their respective areas. They divided the 75-km route into smaller padayatras to be covered each day. In the few constituencies where it did not have an MLA, the party fielded those who had contested the 2018 elections. It used this opportunity to tell the people not only about the connect it had with the freedom struggle, but also to gauge their mood and take its initiatives to every nook and corner. In the process, the party also oiled its organisational machinery in all the constituencies, getting block- and booth-level workers to engage actively. Despite the differences between Mr. Baghel and senior Cabinet minister T.S. Singh Deo that play out in the public domain from time to time, the party presented a united face.

The party claims that it has nipped in the bud the Opposition's plans to whip up emotions on nationalism. However, newer challenges await the Congress as the BJP is regrouping quickly, making organisational changes, exploring new caste equations and organising street protests.

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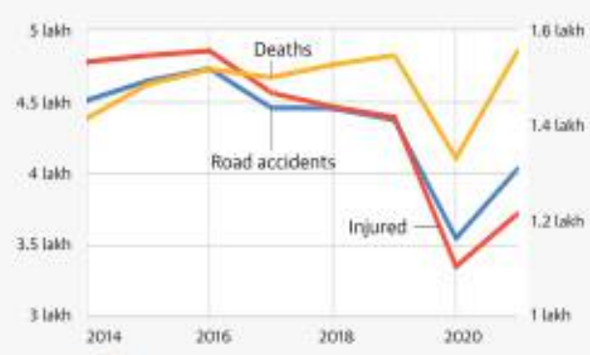
DATA POINT

Speed kills

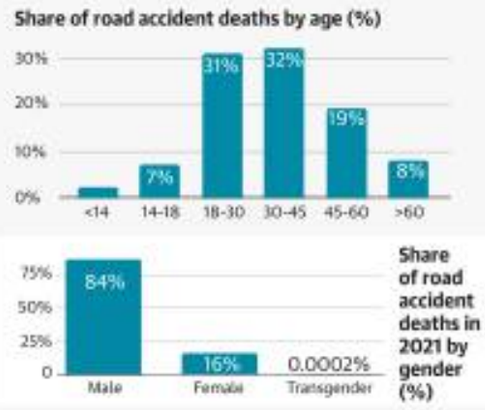
The number of people killed in road accidents (1,55,622) in 2021 reached the highest level at least since 2014. While the number of accidents was below pre-pandemic levels, the number of related deaths surpassed pre-pandemic levels. Overspeeding was the reason for over half the road accidents in 2021.

Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest number of such deaths in 2021 followed by Tamil Nadu. A median road accident victim is a male aged between 18 and 45 who drives a two-wheeler and carelessly drives or overtakes other vehicles or is speeding.
By **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

ACCIDENTS AND DEATHS | The chart shows the number of road accidents (▬), number of injured (▬) and number of related deaths (▬, right-axis) in India. In 2021, the number of deaths surpassed the pre-pandemic levels. However, accidents were fewer in number. In 2020, accidents and deaths were much lower than usual due to pandemic-related restrictions

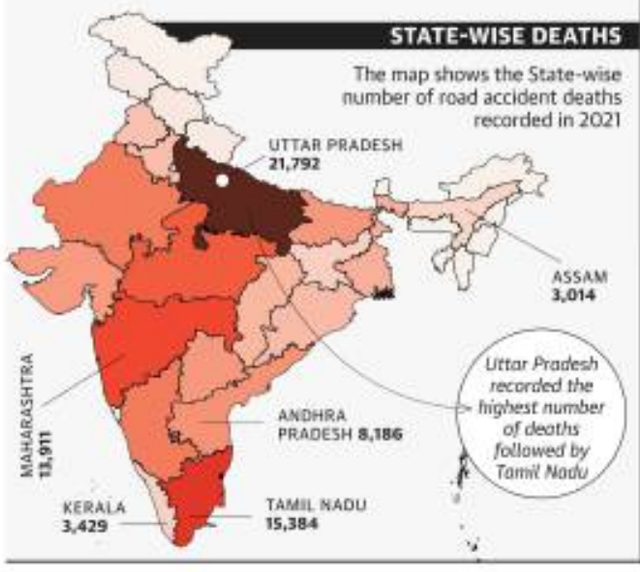


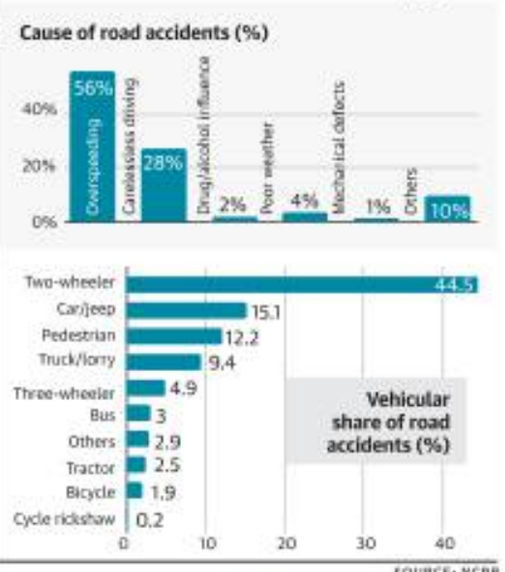
SHARE OF DEATHS | The charts show the % share of road accident deaths in 2021 across various categories



STATE-WISE DEATHS

The map shows the State-wise number of road accident deaths recorded in 2021





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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 31, 1972

Bill to end ICS officers' privileges

New Delhi, August 30: A Bill to take away the special privileges of the ICS and IP officers was introduced in the Lok Sabha to-day by Mr. Ram Niwas Mirdha, Minister of State for Home Affairs. The former "Secretary of State Service Officers (conditions of service) Bill" seeks to bring the conditions of service of these officers on a par with those of the IAS and IPS cadres respectively, except so far as pay scales and pension rates are concerned. When this Bill becomes law, Government will get the power to order compulsory retirement "in public interest" of ICS and IP officers also. Further, such officers will not be entitled to claim that their pension should be paid in pound sterling or that it should be paid outside India. These officers will continue to draw pay or pension at the old rates which are higher than those for IAS or IPS officers. The Bill says that Government do not, as a matter of policy, favour adverse changes in the conditions of service of Government servants as regards pay or pension rates. The special privileges of the ICS and IP officers had been guaranteed and made inviolable by Article 314 of the Constitution. This article was deleted by the Constitution (28th amendment) Bill adopted in the budget session this year. Entitled "the former Secertary of State Service Officers (conditions of service) Bill, 1972," the legislation fixes the retirement age of the ICS members at 58, with powers to the Government to retire him earlier at 50 or on completing 30 years of service.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 31, 1922

Pledges demanded

Paris, Aug. 30: A semi-official statement coinciding with the arrival of German delegates says that in the event of Germany refusing pledges demanded by France the only solution in conformity with the Peace Treaty would be refusal of moratorium and the declaration of Germany's default. It further declares that in the event of inconceivable adoption of moratorium without pledges it would give liberty of action to France who is unable to abandon the position taken up in London. At a meeting of the Repatriation Commission at which the U.S. is semi-officially represented, the German delegate Sehroeder spoke at length on the position in Germany and explained the German proposal for guaranteeing deliveries of timber and coal by private contracts and a deposit of 50 million gold marks from Beichabaaka reserves in the city in occupied territory.

FROM PAGE ONE

Jharkhand MLAs flown to resort in Raipur

Mr. Soren faces disqualification as an MLA for allegedly violating electoral laws by extending a stone mining lease to himself while holding the Mines portfolio.

Meanwhile, the BJP leadership in Delhi is closely watching the developments in Jharkhand. Sources in the party said the BJP was still unsure of the numbers situation, as although some Congress MLAs had allegedly been in touch with the BJP, it was not a comfortable situation for the party to make a move.

"There is definitely a division in the thinking over Jharkhand, with some leaders in favour of moving ahead with a change of government, but others, specifically former Chief Minister Babulal Marandi, not in favour of any precipitate action," a senior source in the BJP said.

"Mr. Marandi is clear that the JMM-Congress government should not be tampered with and the BJP should face off against the alliance in the next Assembly poll, which, Mr. Marandi feels will be won by the BJP as there were many issues that the alliance could be cornered on."

The BJP had lodged a complaint with the Governor against Mr. Soren over the mining lease. The Governor had sought opinion from the Election Commission of India (ECI) on the issue in February.

(With inputs from Shubhomoy Sikdar in Raipur)

SC disallows Ganesh puja at Idgah Maidan today

They sought an urgent hearing in the evening itself. They even offered to have the hearing at the CJI's residence.

The Chief Justice, after enquiring whether any judges were available to constitute a Bench after court hours, zeroed in on Justices Banerjee, Oka and Sundresh. The three-judge Bench sat at 4.15 p.m. for over two hours, hearing the lawyers' arguments in court.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for the Waqf Board, said the case touched on the right to religious freedom. He submitted that an attempt was on to change the character of the Idgah land.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, for the State, countered that the Board cannot claim exclusive possession. Senior advocate Dushyant Dave, for the Board, countered that the Places of Worship Act prohibited any change in the identity of a property used for religious purposes.

A 1964 Supreme Court decision had itself identified the space as Idgah land, Mr. Dave submitted.

"If an injunction had been granted against BBMP (Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike) not even to enter, how can they celebrate a festival here?" the Bench asked, disposing of the special leave petition.

A Division Bench of the Karnataka High Court had permitted the State government to consider and pass appropriate orders on the applications received by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban, seeking the use of the Idgah maidan, Chamarajpet, for holding various religious and cultural activities for a limited period from August 31, 2022.

SC to hear EWS quota petitions on Sept. 13

The Constitution Bench has to also answer if "economic backwardness" alone could be the sole criterion for granting quota in government jobs and educational institutions for those who would otherwise have to compete in the general category.

In the Andhra case, the Constitution Bench will hear appeals against a State High Court decision that 'The Andhra Pradesh Reservation of Seats in the Educational Institutions and of Appointments/Posts in the Public Services under the State to Muslim Community Act, 2005' was violative of Articles 15(4) and 16(4) (State's power to grant quota to socially and educationally backward classes) of the Constitution. Referring the EWS case two years ago to a five-judge Bench, the top court had refused to stay the implementation of the Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act that provides the 10% quota.

Several petitions, including Janhit Abhiyan and Kerala Munnoka Samudaya Aikya Munnani, the latter represented by advocate V.K. Biju, had challenged the validity of the Constitutional amendment, saying the 50% quota limit was part of the basic structure of the Constitution.

The Centre had earlier argued that it was every State's prerogative to provide 10% economic reservation in State government jobs and admissions in State-run educational institutions.

SC impleads NHRC, NCW in Personal Law case

The Supreme Court's Bench led by Justice Indira Banerjee issued notices to the three statutory bodies after senior advocate Shyam Diwan, for petitioner Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, sought their arraignment in the case.

The Supreme Court also issued notice in a separate petition in the batch, which said the personal law practices violated Section 494 of the Indian Penal Code.

The section makes "marrying again during lifetime of husband or wife" an offence punishable with imprisonment up to seven years and fine. The case will be listed after the Dasara holidays.

Mr. Upadhyay argues that polygamy and *nikah halala* (bar against remarriage with divorced husband without an intervening marriage with another man) are unconstitutional.

He has sought a declaration that Section 2 of the Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act, 1937 violative of Articles 14, 15 and 21 of the Constitution, insofar as it seeks to recognise and validate polygamy and *nikah halala*.

The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) had filed an application in the case, contending that this was a "cultural issue" and inextricably interwoven with the religion of Islam.

The Constitution allowed the continuance of the different practices of various religions until the State succeeds in its endeavour to secure a Uniform Civil Code, the AIMPLB had said.

It had argued that personal laws do not derive its validity from legislature or any other competent authority. Their sources were the scriptural texts of their respective religions.

Cong. president will be elected through a fair process: Mistry

Anand Sharma, Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Prithviraj Chavan call on Azad

SANDEEP PHUKAN
NEW DELHI

Rejecting former senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad's allegation that the Congress's presidential election is a farce, the party's central election authority chief, Madhusudan Mistry, told *The Hindu* on Tuesday that there should not be any doubt in anyone's mind about the fairness of the electoral process.

Madhusudan Mistry

Senior leaders like Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Anand Sharma and Prithviraj Chavan, who have been members of the G-23, or the ginger group, that has been pushing for an elected Congress Working Committee (CWC) and elected party chief, informally met to discuss the upcoming election and later called on Mr. Azad, who quit the party last week.

Reacting to news reports that Lok Sabha member Shashi Tharoor could be one of the contestants, party spokesperson Gourav Vallabh said, "It is not like the BJP, where 1.5 people appoint a 0.5 person as president."

"In the election schedule, we had given the dates for filing nomination, result, counting. All the dates are mentioned in the election schedule, so if anybody wants to do that, the dates are there," he said.

On August 28, the CWC decided that the election to the post of Congress president would take place on October 17, if there were multiple candidates, and the counting would take place on October 19.

Though the electoral process will officially start on September 22 with the notification of the elections, the party's central election authority has started informing the Pradesh Congress Committees (PCC) about the election process as well as sent the *pro forma* of the election form that aspiring presidential candidates need to fill up.

"With due respect to Mr. Azad, I dismiss his allegation that the elections are bogus. Let there be no doubt in anyone's mind about the fairness of the process," Mr. Mistry said.

Delegate list

Asked to respond to the complaint made by Mr. Sharma at last Sunday's CWC meeting that many State-level leaders were not aware about the list of delegates that make up the 9,000-member electoral college, Mr. Mistry said the list would be available at the Pradesh Congress Committees.

"The list is not made public but if a member of our party wants to check, they can check at the PCC office. And, of course, it will be given to the candidates once they file their nomination papers," Mr. Mistry said.

The head of the Congress poll panel also informed that if there are multiple candidates, then voting will take place in every State unit or PCC and the process of counting will take place in Delhi.

"We have made arrangements for voting in all the PCCs and later, the ballot boxes will be brought to Delhi," he said.

Mr. Vallabh also attacked Mr. Azad and asked why the "divine knowledge" had not dawned upon him before 2021, when his [Mr. Azad's] "Rajya Sabha seat and bungalow were safe".

SC gives Centre 3 weeks in quota benefits case

Petition pending in court since 2018

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday gave the government three weeks to clarify its stand on whether reservation benefits enjoyed by the Scheduled Castes can be extended to Dalit members of other religions.

A three-judge Bench led by Justice S.K. Kaul said the issue had widespread social ramifications. The petitions date back to 2018, and had been pending since in the court.

"Old matters are pending because there are social ramifications. We will have to face reality some time or the other," the Bench observed orally.

Among the petitions which came up for hearing is one filed by the National Council of Dalit Christians (NCDC) which urged that reservation for government jobs and admissions in educational institutions should be made "religion neutral".

Many of the petitions argued that Dalit Christians or Christians of Scheduled Caste origin should enjoy the same quota benefits reserved for Scheduled Castes.

Restricts Christians

These petitions had highlighted how paragraph three of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, restricts Christians of Scheduled Caste origin from getting the Scheduled Castes Status. It contended that this restriction was against the fundamental right to equality, religious freedom and non-discrimination.

In an earlier hearing, the NCDC's lawyers, advocates Franklin Caesar Thomas and S. Gowthaman, had submitted that "change in religion does not change social exclusion. Caste hierarchy continues to hold fort within Christianity even though the religion forbids it". In one of these hearings, the court had also pointed out that social hierarchy applied within other religious communities like among Muslims.

SC to hear Teesta's plea tomorrow

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court deferred hearing a plea for bail filed by activist Teesta Setalvad to Thursday at 3 p.m. Ms. Setalvad is accused of fabricating evidence to frame high functionaries of the Gujarat government in a case related to the 2002 riots. A Special Bench of Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit, Justices S. Ravindra Bhat and Sudhanshu Dhulia adjourned the case on Tuesday due to paucity of time.

The Gujarat government recently filed an affidavit saying that its investigation *prima facie* shows that Ms. Setalvad played a "major role" along with other persons in enacting a "larger conspiracy" for "oblique purposes" at the behest of a "senior leader of a political party".

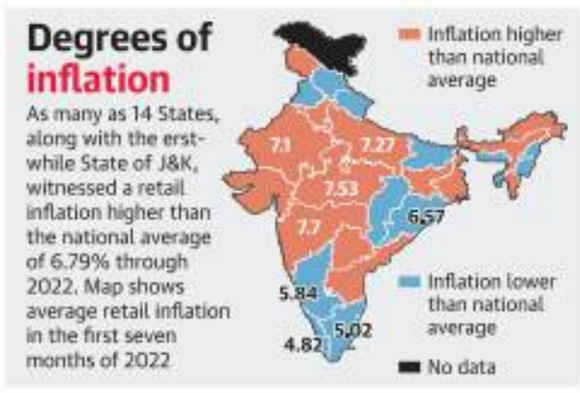
Telangana tops inflation charts at 8.32%

The State, along with West Bengal (8.06%) and Sikkim (8.01%), report rates well above the nation's 6.8%

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

India's retail inflation has been a bugbear for the economy since it surged past 6% in January, but there are wide disparities in the pace of price rise experienced by consumers across the country, with a dozen States clocking an average inflation of less than 6% and another 12 States averaging more than 7% through 2022 so far.

While headline inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index has averaged 6.8% in the first seven months of 2022, well above the 6% upper tolerance threshold set by policy makers, consumers in Telangana, West Bengal and Sikkim faced the steepest spike in prices, with their combined retail inflation for rural and urban areas averaging 8.32%, 8.06%, and 8.01%, respectively.



As many as 14 States, along with the erstwhile State of Jammu & Kashmir, have witnessed price rise higher than the national average through 2022, with all but two of these States seeing higher than 7% inflation.

Some of the other major States where inflation has stayed sharply elevated include Maharashtra and Haryana (7.7%), Madhya Pradesh (7.52%), Assam (7.37%), Uttar Pradesh (7.27%), Gujarat and J&K (7.2%), as well as Rajasthan (7.1%).

Retail prices in States such as Kerala (4.8%), Tamil Nadu (5.01%), Punjab (5.35%), Delhi (5.56%), and Karnataka (5.84%) have been rising at less than 6%.

Smaller States such as Manipur, Goa and Meghalaya have had an average inflation of less than 4% through this period, at 1.07%, 3.66%, and 3.84%, respectively.

"The variation in the States' inflation rates is mainly on account of two factors," said Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at Bank of Baroda.

"One is food prices, where non-producing States have higher inflation as transport prices get added. Second is that some States lowered fuel prices while others didn't, which also made a difference," Mr. Sabnavis said.

Moreover, States that have more rural areas than urban areas face a higher inflation as the rural segment of the Consumer Price Index has a higher weightage for food costs, Mr. Sabnavis pointed out.

BJP vs Opposition

The Centre and BJP members have often castigated Opposition States over their failure to cut State levies on petroleum products amid high global prices to provide relief to consumers, after the government cut Central taxes on these products twice – in November 2021 and May 2022.

The consumer price inflation for all States and Union Territories compiled by *The Hindu*, however, reflects an average price of 7%-plus throughout 2022 in several key BJP-ruled States, including Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and poll-bound Gujarat, as well as in Opposition-ruled States like West Bengal, Telangana and Rajasthan.

The argument that inflation is high only in Opposition-ruled States does not bear out, with quite a few of those States experiencing lower inflation than the national average as well as the 6% tolerance limit of the Central bank.

'China claims on Arunachal Pradesh outrageous'

German envoy Phillip Ackerman draws parallel between Russia's aggression and China's infringement

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

China's claims on Arunachal Pradesh are "outrageous" and its transgressions at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with India are a "violation of the international order", said Germany's new Ambassador to India, drawing parallels between Russia's invasion of Ukraine and China's "infringement" on India's border.

In remarks that are a first for any diplomat or dignitary speaking about the India-China tensions since April 2020, German envoy Phillip Ackerman said that India should understand that both Russian and Chinese actions are clear violations of international law, adding however, that they differ in "dimension" as, unlike Russia, he said China has not "destroyed" Indian villages and towns.

"We should not forget that China claims that Arunachal Pradesh is part of China, which is outrageous in a way, and we see very clearly that the infringement at the border is extremely difficult and should not be accepted," Mr. Ackerman told journalists at his first briefing in Delhi since he presented his credentials to President Droupadi Murmu last week.

"But it should also be noted that what happens at the border with China has nothing to do with what happens with Ukraine. China doesn't hold 20% of Indian territory, China has not been systematically destroying every village, every town [as Russia has]. By dimension, it is completely different although at an abstract level, they are both [violations of international law]. If you transgress the border, it is against the rule of international law," the Ambassador added.

Phillip Ackerman

When asked by *The Hindu* whether the German government had accepted the differences over New Delhi's refusal at the United Nations to criticise Russia's actions, and India's move to increase its imports of cheaper Russian oil (an estimated increase of 50 times), Mr. Ackerman said that Germany had wished that India had been more "outspoken" on certain issues, but welcomed India's decision last week to vote against Russia at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) over Ukrainian President Zelenskyy's virtual address, calling it "progress" in India's position.

"I think the Indian side well recognises this problem of international law violation. Basically, this is also an Indian problem – you have it on your northern border, and you have been experiencing this every couple of years. ...So, while we don't agree on methods or measures, we do have an understanding of the problem [in Ukraine]," he added.

The comments by the German Ambassador are particularly unusual given that the Modi government itself has thus far not referred to China's actions at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) as transgressions, and has maintained that Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) forces have "amassed troops" along the LAC, and only that they had "attempted transgressions".

After the Galwan killings in June 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had affirmed that "no one has entered Indian territory, nor was anyone inside Indian territory".

In a veiled reference to China and LAC tensions on Monday, Mr. Jaishankar had said that "adherence to laws, norms and rules" was imperative for unity in Asia.

The Ministry of External Affairs did not respond to requests for a response to the German envoy's comments.

'No evidence', police close *namaz* case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Two days after booking 26 people for offering *namaz* at a fellow villager's house, the Uttar Pradesh Police on Tuesday 'expunge' the case citing "nothing" was found in the probe. The case had invited criticism from AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi saying that now Muslims can't offer *namaz* even in their homes.

Contempt case against Bhushan dropped

Contempt proceedings against Tarun Tejpal have also been terminated

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday dropped contempt proceedings initiated against civil rights lawyer Prashant Bhushan for his remarks on judicial corruption in the *Tehelka* magazine in 2009.

A three-judge Bench led by Justice Indira Banerjee said it was not necessary to continue with the proceedings in light of the explanation rendered by Prashant Bhushan about his intent and the circumstances which led him to make the comments.

Contempt proceedings against journalist Tarun Tejpal has also been terminated. The case was last heard in 2020. It had brought to the fore several cardinal issues, including the right to criticise the judiciary in a public forum and whether a person who expressed a bona fide opinion about judicial corruption was obliged to prove it or whether it was enough to show that he bona fide had held that opinion.

The last two were that of Justices Arun Mishra and A.M. Khanwilkar, both now retired.

"Allegation of corruption per se cannot be contempt because the same pertains to criticism of a judge for a biased dispensation of justice and would in all cases require further investigation before such allegations are brushed aside at the threshold," Mr. Bhushan had explained in his written submissions to the court in 2020. He had said truth was a defence under Section 13(b) of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.

The senior lawyer had said he used the word 'corruption' in the interview in a wider sense to include any act of impropriety other than financial corruption.

Plea on norms to prosecute judges in SC

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to examine a plea to evolve a transparent mechanism to investigate sexual harassment charges against judges. Senior advocate Indira Jaising sought permission to submit additional material.

The Bench, on Ms. Jaising's request, directed the Supreme Court's Secretary-General to submit the existing processes and practices dealing with harassment complaints. At present, there is an in-house procedure applicable to Supreme Court and High Court judges.

The Sexual Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act and the guidelines formed under the Supreme Court Sexual Harassment Regulations do not contemplate a public hearing on the judicial side.

The present Supreme Court Internal Complaints Committee mechanism or the 2014 judgment in Additional District and Sessions Judge 'X' vs Registrar General High Court of Madhya Pradesh are inadequate for an inquiry into the alleged misconduct by the CJI.

Under the Gender Sensitisation and Sexual Harassment of Women at the Supreme Court of India (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Regulations, 2013, it is the CJI who sets up the Gender Sensitisation and Internal Complaints Committee.

More Congress leaders from J&K flock to Azad

Former CM to launch membership drive on September 4

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

Former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad is set to launch a major membership drive and announce his road map for Jammu and Kashmir during his tour of the Union Territory (UT) that is starting on September 4, as dozens of Congress leaders on Tuesday switched sides.

Prominent faces of the Congress from Jammu – including former Deputy Chief Minister Tara Chand, former legislators Abdul Majid Wani, Manohar Lal Sharma, Gharu Ram and Balwant Singh – formally announced their departure from the Congress on Tuesday.

The party has witnessed a major exodus since Mr. Azad's resignation. Earlier, two prominent faces from the Kashmir valley, Shohaib Lone and Taj Mohiuddin, hinted at joining Mr. Azad's camp.

Two Congress national leaders, from the dissident G-23 group, may also accompany Mr. Azad during his first rally in Jammu on September 4, sources said.

Former J&K Deputy CM Tara Chand addressing a press conference on Tuesday. • PTI

"It was surprising to see that even before Azad *sahib* launched a new party, top Congress leaders are joining and many more will join in coming days. We have been approached by leaders from other parties too," Salman Nizami, a close aide of Mr. Azad, told *The Hindu*.

Dozens of elected members have also joined the Azad camp. "Several *sarpanches*, elected District Development Council members and Congress district presidents have resigned from the party and are joining us," Mr. Nizami said.

Sources said several leaders from the Valley's smaller parties, like the J&K Apni Party and Peoples Conference, are also in touch with Mr. Azad.

A unifying effort

Sources said Mr. Azad will start a membership drive from Jammu district on September 4. He will also visit the Chenab Valley, the Kashmir valley and the Pir Panjal valley after that. He is likely to announce the party name only after holding public meetings.

Mr. Nizami said the new party would be a unifying force. "Together - Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Christians and others - we will usher in a new era of development in J&K," he vouched.

Economist Abhijit Sen dead at 72

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Abhijit Sen, former Member of the Planning Commission, former Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices and eminent economist, died here on Monday night following a heart attack. Professor Sen had been a faculty at the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning (CESP) at Jawaharlal Nehru University from 1985 to his superannuation in 2015. Politicians, academics, students, farmers' leaders and activists remembered him for his contributions in areas such as minimum support price, rural economy and rural employment.

Senior Congress leader and former Minister Jairam Ramesh said Professor Sen was one of India's finest economists. "Over a period of almost three decades, I learned so much from him. A formidable scholar, he had strong ideological roots but also an open mind. He belonged to a species that is fast becoming extinct," Mr. Ramesh said.

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said he was a fine economist with both his head and heart in the right place.

All India Kisan Sabha leader Ashok Dhawale said he was a great agricultural economist. Samyukt Kisan Morcha leader Yogendra Yadav said the country has lost a champion of food security and one of the architects of the National Food Security Act that saved millions of poor households during COVID 19.

Professor Sen is survived by his wife, eminent economist Jayati Ghosh, and daughter, Jahnavi Sen, a journalist.

A champion of the downtrodden

Former Member of Planning Commission vouched for decentralised governance

MIHIR SHAH

ABHIJIT SEN: 1950-2022

Abhijit Sen, who passed away on Monday, was one of India's most distinguished development economists, teachers and policymakers. He joined Jawaharlal Nehru University in 1985, where he remained a much-revered teacher, right until his retirement in 2015. Heartfelt tributes from his students and colleagues have not stopped pouring in. From 2004 to 2014, he had been a Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, the highest policy-making body of the country at the time. In the hours and words I need to do this in, it is not possible to do justice to a life so fully lived and so extremely rich in its contributions. But I will try!

It is 20 years, almost to the day, since the High-Level Committee on Long-Term Grain Policy chaired by Abhijit Sen submitted its report to the Vajpayee government. In his long and distinguished career, I reckon this report remains at the pinnacle of Abhijit's many great accomplishments. One cannot help being struck by the enduring salience of this 2002 report, especially against the backdrop of the recent farmer agitations. Given rampant market failure and the multiple national goals of price support for farmers, price stability for producers and consumers, and affordable grain for consumers, the committee recognised a key role for the government. But the committee argued for many reforms, including greater diversification and decentralisation of public procurement to include a much larger number of crops and regions, without which the system benefits only a very small proportion of farmers. The committee also was in favour of simplifying legal conditions on private trade by reviewing existing orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act. I would strongly urge both the government and farmers to carefully study this report, which could help end their long-standing impasse.

Contrarian viewpoint

Abhijit was always a champion of the excluded and exploited. But he was never a fundamentalist. Indeed, quite the opposite, always teaching his students the power of contrarian positions, of understanding arguments on the other side, so that their own thinking would grow deeper. This openness, as well as his impeccable integrity and academic credentials, also meant that he was respected across the political spectrum, with seriously opposed dispensations all showing him due respect and depending on him for advice. I saw this first-hand in the Planning Commission, with the Prime Minister and so many Chief Ministers seeking his counsel and heeding it too!

In the larger community of researchers, Abhijit was the gold standard in the use of data. His command over the quagmire of government statistics is almost legendary. For all of us, he was the reference of the last resort, to make sure we were not putting a wrong foot forward!

Abhijit was a great believer in the principle of subsidiarity, that solutions to problems are best found closest to where they arise. He was, therefore, a powerful advocate of decentralised governance. This included a passionate commitment to greater autonomy for the States, as also the empowerment of Panchayati Raj Institutions. A great example of autonomy to the States is the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), which Abhijit conceptualised as Member, Planning Commission in 2007. It is hard to think of a scheme with a more innovative architecture than the RKVY, which sought to provide flexibility and autonomy to the States in planning and executing programmes, based on location-specific plans emanating from the districts.

Ecological challenges

Abhijit was keenly aware of the emerging ecological challenges facing the planet. Delivering the keynote address at a conference on India's Soils in 2017, he lamented the "mechanical mining of the soil" and lowering of its organic carbon content, in the decades following the Green Revolution. Declaring the soil as a "public good", he called for collective but location-appropriate action by farmers, scientists, civil society and the state to secure India's soils and the future of Indian civilisation. In 2020, he became a Founding Member of the Steering Committee of the National Coalition for Natural Farming. Here again he advised us to shed any kind of fundamentalism, allowing a hundred flowers to bloom, as India embarked on its journey towards building agro-ecological alternatives to the chemical farming practised over the past 50 years.

The recent debate on freebies bemused him. He would point to the enduring role of the state in providing the basic needs of life, throughout the entire history of capitalism. He was also amazed that the fiercest critics of freebies appeared to simultaneously endorse the freeest freebie of them all: unconditional cash transfers, which he strenuously opposed because he saw in them a pretext for the state to absolve itself of its primary responsibility to provide water, health, education, sanitation and nutrition to all.

Abhijit Sen was a one-of-a-kind human being, the likes of whom I have never and I am sure will never meet. Utterly genial, humble and sweet-natured, yet searingly clear and deeply passionate in his commitment to a more just society, kind to a fault but so completely uncaring for his own well-being. You went too soon, my friend, but what an exhilarating ride it was!

(The writer was a fellow Member of the Planning Commission with Abhijit Sen from 2009 to 2014)

All options are open: Tharoor

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, MP, on Tuesday appeared not to rule out contesting for the All India Congress Committee (AICC) president's post.

Speaking to presspersons on the sidelines of a news conference to announce the Kerala leg of the Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi, Mr. Tharoor said he had little to share at the current stage.

"I have not made any official announcement, nor do I plan to. The electoral process is a few weeks away. Let us wait for the time the procedures begin. I just said all options are open. I am a Lok Sabha member and my focus in politics is national. If vistas open up, one does not want to say no. Let us wait and see how the process is going to evolve. People are free to speculate," he said.

Mr. Tharoor said he was "gratified" that his write-up on the Congress organisational elections had generated such interest.

Congress media chief Jairam Ramesh refused to speculate on the question about Mr. Tharoor's purported candidature for party president.

He sidestepped the query by suggesting that "anybody and everybody" could electorally compete for the post of Congress president.

Mr. Ramesh said the so-called G-23 group, which ostensibly campaigns for inclusive and collective leadership, did not exist. "It is a figment of your imagination. It never existed. The Congress always has a full-time president," he said.

Cong. flags scam linked to Chinese loan apps

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday raised the issue of several Chinese apps siphoning off ₹500 crore by duping lakhs of Indians through debt traps and questioned why the Prime Minister was keeping his "eyes closed".

Congress spokesperson Gourav Vallabh claimed an investigation in 2021 had found more than 1,100 digital loan apps available across play stores and that the Reserve Bank of India accepted that at least 600 such apps were operating illegally.

MISSING

The Showed missing woman named Smitha, age-39/2021, w/o Prakasan, Parakkunnath Valappil house, Kumaranellur (PO), Vellalur, Palakkad (Dt) was found missing from her husband home at Vellalur, Kumaranellur on 18.12.2021 at 13.00 hrs. In this regard a case has been registered at Thrithala PS as crime 734/2021 u/s 57 of KP Act and the investigation is being continued. If get any clue about the missing woman, please contact the following mobile numbers and land number at the earliest.
1. Inspector of Police, Thrithala PS : 9497947311
2. Sub Inspector of Police, Thrithala PS : 9497980632
3. Thrithala Police Station : 04662272004
(RO/02178/F2/2022/I&PRD)

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Chief Administrative Officer

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(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)
Nigam Bhavan, 1st floor, sector-16
Gandhinagar-382016
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The tender is invited by Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd. (TCGL), for the appointment of agency for **"Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre, Site Development & Other Pilgrimage Facility at Ambaji ,Gujarat under PRASHAD Scheme ."** Estimated Cost of the Project:**Rs.35,34,76,666.00**. The interested bidders/agencies may download the tender document form the website: www.nprocure.com from 02/09/2022 onward. Last date of submission on online:17/09/2022 up to 3.00pm.Tender may also be referred on www.gujarattourism.com
Managing Director of TCGL reserves the right to reject or accept any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof
Managing Director

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
Ernakulam Junction
TENDER NOTICE
No. 02-DCE-CN-ERS-OT-2022
Dated 29.08.2022
Name of work: Doubling of track between Kuruppanthara-Chingavanam-Proposed maintenance of New track between Ettamanur and Chingavanam Stations.
Tender value: Rs. 117.01 lakhs
Completion period: 12 months
Date of Opening: 22.09.2022 @ 15.00 hrs.
Complete details and tender document will be available at https://www.ireps.gov.in.
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Government of Odisha
Paryatan Bhawan, Lewis Road, Bhubaneswar-751014
Phone: (0674) 243 2177 ; Fax: (0674) - 243887
https://dot.odishatourism.gov.in
No. 6988 / TSM Date : 29.08.2022
PT1-TCT-TSP-MISC-0079-2022
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR SELECTION OF AGENCY(S) FOR SETUP, OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ECO RETREATS AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS IN ODISHA FOR A PERIOD OF 4 YEARS (2022 - 2026)
Department of Tourism (DoT) invites proposals from prospective applicant(s) for Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of agency(s) for setup, operation and management of Eco Retreats at multiple locations in Odisha for a period of 4 Years (2022 - 2026) in accordance with the conditions and manner prescribed in the Request for Proposal (RFP) document.
The Proposals should be submitted by interested parties to the Director Tourism, Paryatan Bhawan Lewis Road, Bhubaneswar-751014 on or before **21.09.2022 upto 15:00 Hrs.** The detail terms of RFP may be downloaded from our website: **https://dot.odishatourism.gov.in/?q=tender.**
Sd/-
Director & Addl. Secretary to Govt.
R-6
OIPR-37001/11/0008/2223

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Thalamuthu Natarajan Building, No.1, Gandhi Irwin Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008.
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)
(Consulting Services – Individual Selection)
Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA), Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing a component of Tamil Nadu Housing and Habitat Development Project (TNHHDP) funded by World Bank. CMDA now invites eligible individual consultant / specialist to indicate their interest in providing the services for the below mentioned assignment for the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the TNHHDP.
SENIOR PLANNING ADVISOR – 1 NO.
The detailed REOI and Terms of Reference is available in the website - **www.cmdachennai.gov.in.** Last date and time for submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) is **15.09.2022 upto 5.00 p.m.** The EOI shall be sent to the Member Secretary, CMDA, Thalamuthu Natarajan Building, No.1, Gandhi Irwin Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600008, Tamil Nadu, India, by registered post or by **e.mail: cmdaprocurement@gmail.com.**
Member Secretary
Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority
DIPR / 898 / DISPLAY/2022

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.: KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 12829 Date: 22.08.2022
BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement portal only)
Item wise tenders are invited from Class-I Electrical contractor having adequate experience in execution of similar works and financial turnover for the work of **Overhauling of 3 No's of BHEL make 207MVA, 400KV/√3/21KV single phase Generator Transformers - Work includes Complete gasket replacement (except bell tank), replacement of Aircel, oil filtration, oil leakage arresting, cleaning, painting of transformer and transformer testing complete.** EMD: **Rs. 62,500/-** Last date for submission/uploading the bid in e-portal : **13.09.2022 upto 17:00Hrs.** The intending bidder can download the tender document from e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka. gov.in** and submit their bids through e-procurement platform. Also NIT and other details can be obtained on KPCL's Website: **https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (ODY), BTPS, Kudathini-583 152, Bellary District,** E-mail: **eeodybtps@gmail.com,** Mobile No.: **094482 90753.**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT,
NABARD & RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, CHENGALPATTU
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No. 02 / 2022-2023/ SDO / Dt.26.08.2022.
For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu **Item wise tender through online only** will be received upto **07.10.2022, 15.00** hours by the **Superintending Engineer(H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Circle for Two bridge works in respect of Chengalpattu(H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division and One bridge work in respect of Vellore(H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division under NABARD RIDF.XXVII – 93 Bridge works 2021-2022.**
Details of Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **06.09.2022** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in**. If any Changes / Corrections / Amendments etc to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.
Superintending Engineer(H)
DIPR/ 3954 /TENDER/2022 NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Chengalpattu-1

Directorate of Handicrafts, Odisha
1st Floor, Heads of Department Building, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar
Expression of Interest (EoI)
No. 3871 / Date 30.08.2022
To protect the uniqueness of handicraft products & unauthorised use and thereby protecting the interest of not only the manufacturers but also the consumers & for promoting in the international market, it has already been decided for coverage of prominent handicrafts of Odisha under G.I Registration in a phased manner for different handicrafts like Paper Machie Masks of Puri, Straw Craft of Jiral, Dhenkanal, Lacquer Toys of Balasore, Odisha Dhokra Casting & Nilagiri Stone Carving / Utensils etc.
In view of the above, the Directorate of Handicrafts, Odisha has issued an advertisement for inviting EoI from reputed Agencies / Institutions having adequate experience in GI Registration work of different products to take up the assignment.
The proposals will be submitted to the Director of Handicrafts as per the above address through courier / speed post / registered post latest by **3.00 PM on 14-09-2022**. The offers will be opened in presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives on **14-09-2022 at 5.00 PM.** Details of the Expression of Interest (EoI) for Geographical Indication (GI) Registration of Handicrafts of Odisha is available in our website **https://crafts.odisha.gov.in.**
Sd/-
Director of Handicrafts, Odisha
PP-35
OIPR-31034/11/0017/2223

भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद्
INDIAN COUNCIL OF FORESTRY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION
(An Autonomous Body of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India)
P.O. New Forest, Dehradun - 248 006 (Uttarakhand)
अल्प सूचना / SHORT NOTICE
वैज्ञानिक – "बी" के पद हेतु भर्ती–2022
Recruitment for the post of Scientist-B-2022
सं. 32–63 / 2022–ICFRE / No. 32-63/2022-ICFRE
भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद् के अंतर्गत 7वें सीपीसी के अनुसार वेतनमान के लेवल 10 में विभिन्न विषयों में वैज्ञानिक 'बी' के 44 पदों की भर्ती हेतु भारतीय नागरिकों से ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं। इच्छुक अभ्यर्थी 05.09.2022 से 15.10.20.22 तक वैबसाईट http://recruitment.icfre.gov.in पर ऑनलाइन आवेदन कर सकते हैं।
आयु सीमा, आरक्षण, आयु में छूट, परीक्षा योजना, पाठ्यक्रम, शैक्षिक योग्यता और अन्य विवरण का विज्ञापन भी उपर्युक्त वैबसाईट पर उपलब्ध होगा। इच्छुक अभ्यर्थियों से अनुरोध है कि अपडेट के लिए इस वैबसाईट को नियमित रूप से देखते रहें।
विस्तृत विज्ञापन रोजगार समाचार में अनंतिम रूप से सितंबर 2022 के प्रथम सप्ताह में प्रकाशित किया जाएगा और यह भा.वा.अ.शि.प. की वैबसाईट www.icfre.gov.in पर भी उपलब्ध होगा।
Online applications are invited from Indian nationals for recruitment to 44 posts of Scientist-B in various disciplines in the Level-10 of pay matrix as per 7th CPC in Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE), Dehradun. Interested candidates can apply online on the website **http://recruitment.icfre.gov.in** during **05.09.2022 to 15.10.2022.**
The advertisement with age limit, reservation, age relaxation, examination plan, syllabus, educational qualification and other details will also be available on the aforementioned website. Interested applicants are requested to visit this website regularly for updates.
The detailed advertisement will be published in the Employment News tentatively in the **1st week of September 2022** and will also be available on ICFRE website **www.icfre.gov.in.**
सचिव, भा.वा.अ.शि.प. / Secretary, ICFRE

IN BRIEF

3 militants killed in Shopian encounter

SRINAGAR

Three Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militants were killed during an anti-militancy operation in south Kashmir's Shopian on Tuesday. "The three killed terrorists have been identified as local terrorists of LeT's Danish Khursheed Bhat, Tanveer Wani and Towseef Bhat," Additional Director General of Police Vijay Kumar said. The trio was trapped by a joint team of the security forces at Nagbal area of Shopian during a search operation.

ED summons Abhishek Banerjee in coal scam

KOLKATA

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday issued summons to Trinamool Congress general secretary Abhishek Banerjee to appear for questioning in the coal pilferage scam. The agency asked the Diamond Harbour MP to appear at its Kolkata office on September 2. Both Mr. Banerjee and West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee had expressed apprehension that summons might be issued to key leaders of the party.

Shah Faesal posted to Culture Ministry

NEW DELHI

IAS officer Shah Faesal, who was detained for over a year after the special status of J&K was removed, has been posted to the Union Culture Ministry, an order of the Department of Personnel and Training said. The Union government took this action nearly four months after accepting Mr. Faesal's request to rescind his resignation and reinstate him in service in April.

15 held from BJP leader's 'brothel' move NHRC

GUWAHATI

Fifteen people who were arrested from the farmhouse of a BJP leader in Meghalaya have petitioned the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) for arbitrary arrest and ill-treatment by the police. The complainants also demanded action against investigating officer Mamata Hajong and West Garo Hills district's Superintendent of Police, Vivekananda Singh Rathore.

Modi to unveil new naval ensign at Vikrant event

NEW DELHI

The Navy will soon have a new 'ensign'. This is set to be unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi later this week during the commissioning of the country's first aircraft carrier *INS Vikrant* in Kochi. "At 9.30 a.m. on September 02, the Prime Minister will unveil the new Naval Ensign (Nishaan), doing away with the colonial past and befitting the rich Indian maritime heritage," the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement on Tuesday on Mr. Modi's tour of Kerala and Karnataka.

West U.P. turns hotspot of cattle disease

Farmers allege lack of vaccines, doctors to tackle lumpy skin; Minister says dedicated teams deployed

A.M. JIGEESH
NEW DELHI

Vijay, a farmer near Shamli in western Uttar Pradesh, lost two of his cows in the past 10 days to the lumpy skin disease. "One was a milking cow and the other was just two-and-a-half year old," says Vijay adding that many in his village were going through a similar situation. He is now left with two cows and one buffalo.

According to farmers, the infection is spreading like wildfire in western Uttar Pradesh. "There is no intervention from the government. There is no compensation for farmers who lost their cows and buffaloes. There is no treatment or vaccination. Those who do cattle-rearing are forced to manage this disease on their own," said a farmers' leader from Shamli, Jitender Singh Hudda. Mr. Hudda said farmers would launch protests if the administration continues to neglect the situation. "Hundreds of cows are infected. The deaths are also on the rise. It is an emergency situation," he said.

Losing game: Farmers allege that even if the cattle recover, the disease damages their general health. • FILE PHOTO

The State government has a different position. Livestock and Dairy Development Minister Dharam Pal Singh told *The Hindu* that the government was dealing with the issue with utmost seriousness. "Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is regularly monitoring the situation. We have deployed dedicated teams with veterinary doctors to the western Uttar Pradesh districts sharing a boundary with other States. Our effort is not to allow the infection to spread to eastern Uttar Pradesh or other parts of the State," Mr. Singh said.

He said that all borders had been blocked and transport, sale, trade and cattle trade fairs banned. "Particular attention has been given to districts such as Saharanpur, Meerut and Bijnore. Farmers have been advised about the precautions to be adopted at cattle sheds. Vaccination has been started. *Goshalas* will be given priority in the process," Mr. Singh said adding that teams are working similar to the COVID-19 management teams. "Our report is that nearly 100 cows had died. We are trying to give all assistance to farmers," he said. Asked about compensation, he said the priority now was to check the spread of the disease.

'A different story'

But farmers have a different story. Chandrapal Singh is into cattle-rearing and is also an All India Kisan Sabha activist from Bulandshahar, close to Gautam Buddh Nagar district. "The spread is very high here, particularly among cows. There is no governmental aid. Vaccines and doctors are not available. There is not a single village that is not affected by the infection in our locality. Cows will have big abscesses on their skins along with fever and they will die. Authorities told us that they do not have proper facilities. Fifteen to 20 villages have one veterinary doctor. They just asked us to create space between the cows. We had complained to the authorities, but it is of no use. In my village, some 30 cows died. Milk production has come down," Mr. Singh said.

Another worry is that though cows are recovering, the disease damaged their general health. "Their livers are getting damaged. The death rate has been high in the past two weeks. Thirty cows died in my village. Not a single doctor has visited," said Dharamveer, a farmer.

'Pasteurised, boiled milk safe, avoid raw produce'

Indigenous vaccine to be rolled out

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The process is now under way to ensure the commercial availability of India's indigenous vaccine Lumpi-ProVac to protect livestock from lumpy skin disease, Yash Pal, Director, National Research Centre on Equines, said on Tuesday.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, he cautioned against the use of raw milk, especially during this infection phase, explaining that while pasteurised and boiled milk was safe, raw milk carried high levels of disease-causing bacteria.

Vaccine launch

Lumpi-ProVac has been developed by the National Research Centre on Equines, Hisar, Haryana, in collaboration with the Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar (Bareilly). The vaccine was launched earlier this month by Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.

"Ever since the disease came to India in 2019, research institutes have been engaged in developing the vaccine," the Minister said.

He had directed officials to provide this vaccine in large numbers at the earliest for relief to the cattle.

Speaking about the safety of milk obtained from infected livestock for human consumption, Dr. Yash Pal said: "Raw milk, of course, should not be consumed under normal circumstances too as the bacterial load could be very high."

Lumpy skin disease is an infectious viral disease of cattle, which often occurs in epizootic form. The disease is characterised by the eruption of nodules in the skin, which may cover the whole of the animal's body, Naveen Kumar, who played a key role in developing the vaccine, said.

World Bank report highlights pandemic purchase challenge

'India managed to get many things right in its management'

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

The COVID-19 pandemic devastation seemed to have not deterred fraudulent business practices, with a company from Singapore trying to dispatch millions of substandard Chinese KN95 masks to India in 2021 by forging a third-party inspection certificate.

This was discovered by the dispatch inspection team of Hindustan Life Care Ltd. (HLL), and the bank guarantee of the supplier worth $9.75 million was encashed. The money is now lying in a separate account at the Indian Mission, Singapore.

The issue is *sub judice*, noted the latest discussion paper released on Tuesday by the World Bank titled "India COVID-19 procurement: challenges, innovations, and lessons".

India was not the only target of fraud. The report also pointed out that 200 million substandard, soiled and second-hand medical nitrile gloves were purchased by the U.S. from a Thailand-based company during the pandemic.

The World Bank (WB) and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) jointly funded the COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Strengthening Project worth $1.5 billion (₹11,983.5 crores) in India.

The report says India managed to get many things right in its management of the pandemic including putting in place a central procurement agency (HLL Lifecare Ltd., finalised in February 2020).

"This helped in accelerating emergency procurement. HLL supported the Central procurement division in the preparation of bidding documents as well as in bidding, evaluation and award of the contract. It also helped in managing the supply chain to deliver commodities, according to the needs of the States," the report said.

It added that an expert panel was also put in place to develop specifications for overalls, goggles, and N95 masks which supported the Health Ministry's long-term market development and production of Emergency Medical Equipment (EME) in India.

"India also managed efficient distribution of medical supplies nationwide, put in early restrictions and also created empowered inter-ministerial groups to achieve prompt procurement decisions during emergencies," the report said.

It listed the achievements of India during the pandemic, and said that the country managed to scale up from 18 to over 2,500 testing laboratories rapidly within a span of four months and became ready to face future pandemics and health emergencies that pose serious challenges for global supply chains.

Daily COVID-19 tally declines sharply to 5,439

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

India saw a major decline in daily COVID-19 cases with 5,439 new novel coronavirus infections being reported, while the active cases declined to 65,732, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Tuesday. The death toll climbed to 5,27,829 with 30 new fatalities, the data said. The country had on Sunday recorded 7,591 infections.

According to the data updated at 8 a.m., the active cases comprise 0.15% of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate increased to 98.66%. The daily positivity rate was recorded at 1.7% and the weekly positivity rate at 2.64%, as per the Ministry.

According to the Health Ministry, 212.71 crore doses of COVID vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive.

Huge haul of fake ₹2,000 notes: NCRB

Post-2016, there has been an increase in seizure of fake money, data reveal

VIJAITA SINGH
NEW DELHI

Nearly 60% of all fake notes seized in 2021 were of ₹2,000 denomination, the Crime in India 2021 report compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) shows.

Of the fake Indian currency notes with a face value of ₹20.39 crore seized in 2021, ₹12.18 crore was in the denomination of ₹2,000.

The new ₹2,000 and ₹500 currency notes were introduced in 2016 after the old ₹500 and ₹1,000 notes were scrapped by the Union government. The government had said that curbing of fake notes was one of the primary objectives of the 2016 demonetisation exercise.

Post-2016, there has been an increase in seizure of fake money, the NCRB data reveal. While in 2016, fake currency with a face value of ₹15.92 crore was seized, the seizures in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 stood at ₹28.1 crore, ₹17.95 crore, ₹25.39 crore, ₹92.17 crore and ₹20.39 crore, respectively. In 2015, before demonetisation, ₹15.48 crore in fake currency was seized.

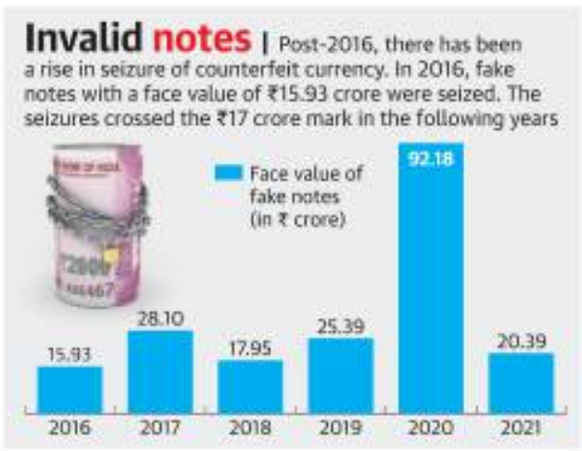
The huge increase in 2020 was on account of the seizure of dummy money issued from "Children Bank of India" that were recovered from a house in Pune. On June 10, 2020, the police recovered ₹82.8 crore in fake currency, of which around ₹43 crore was in the denomination of ₹2,000 from the Pune house. Six persons, including an Army official, were arrested for the crime. The police found that the accused used to dupe customers by slipping in the dummy money while exchanging dollar bills to rupees.

The 2021 report says fake money with a face value of ₹6.6 crore in ₹500 denomination and ₹45 lakh in ₹200 denomination were found.

The highest recovery of fake ₹2,000 notes was made in Tamil Nadu (₹5 crore), followed by Kerala (₹1.8 crore) and Andhra Pradesh (₹1 crore).

The Finance Ministry informed Parliament on August 8 that the value of the counterfeit currency in the banking system reduced from ₹43.47 crore in 2016-17 to ₹8.26 crore in 2021-22.

The Ministry attributed the reduction in number of counterfeit banknotes from 7.62 lakh pieces in 2016-17 to 2.09 lakh pieces in 2020-21 to the Centre's decision to cancel the legal tender status of ₹1,000 and ₹500 notes on November 8, 2016.



Delhi Police first to widen forensic probe

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NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police have become the first police force in the country to make collection of forensic evidence mandatory in crimes punishable with a sentence of more than six years in prison.

The Delhi Police, under the administrative control of the Union Home Ministry, issued the order on Tuesday, hours after Home Minister Amit Shah visited their headquarters.

Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora issued a "standard order" to all police units that said, "In order to take conviction rate higher and integrating the criminal justice system with forensic science investigation, it is decided to use forensic tools mandatorily in all cases where punishment provided is more than six years."

It said that the order was meant for setting out guidelines for the use of forensic tools in offences attracting punishment of more than six years by all investigating officers of the Delhi Police.

Vans to be deployed

The order said that the Delhi Police have mobile crime team van in each district and in addition, one forensic mobile van will be allotted to each district to provide scientific and forensic assistance on the spot to investigation officers, whenever need rises. These vehicles shall be fully equipped with scientific tools and enough forensic assistants shall be detailed in each such van, the order said.

"These forensic mobile vans shall not be under the administrative control of the police but shall be an independent entity responsible to the court of law. However, they shall visit the scene of crime whenever called by the station house officer or any other investigating agency of the Delhi Police," the order stated.

THE CROSSWORD + 13649

(set by WrdPlougher)

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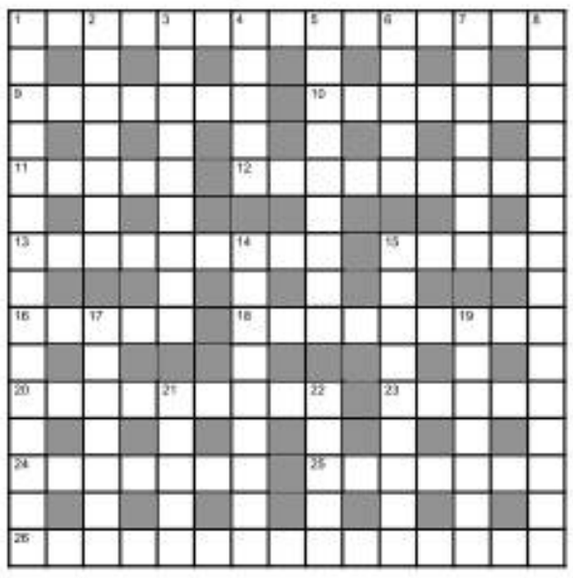

Across

1 Magician or priest deceptively shrouding figure, a trickster primarily (15)
9 Full of tea Sita brewed (7)
10 Me, I love heartless revolutionary in science fiction (7)
11 Trace metal, germanium (5)
12 Later, bail out of a two-faced deal? (9)
13 Previously away, here in French capital of Ontario as a job perk (2,7)
15 Handy with weapons? (5)
16 The Green Goblin's rules? (5)
18 Attract karma, embracing a sin without a hint of conscientiousness (9)
20 Burning, gut trees in it badly (9)
23 Perhaps a European jacket worn by king (5)
24 Policeman very loudly breaking gate, confiscating illegal drugs (7)
25 Keen learner accepted by two universities, behind schedule (7)
26 No Eastern Austrian open to fight Germany and Switzerland, say (8,7)

Down

1 Venture into unknown territory to ensure letter is delivered? (4,3,8)
2 Reduce damage (3,4)
3 "Fellow combatant! Run-up before opening of Stock Exchanges?" (5-4)
4 Bored, exhausted, coming back to support little nerd (5)
5 Favour exchanging boldness at first for beauty? (4,5)
6 Stealing an article of interest finally (5)
7 More about the above principle (7)
8 Order reshuffled after upset (7,8)
14 Mug briefly raised, mood elevated around summer, in French restaurant (9)
15 Touring American roughly caught in spot of bother between English and French? (9)
17 Tiny motormouth rambling on topics ignorantly, forgetting every rule primarily? (7)
19 Fuss over loud (not large) colour (7)
21 Fast bowler making a comeback to remember? (5)
22 Reject Spooner's first two letters on merit, reportedly (5)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13648

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Virtue and vice

Sastras state that the entire universe is sustained by dharma and righteousness. The path of dharma is ordained for all and there is no short cut when it comes to upholding it. This is reflected in the way of life of the people. In the Gita, Krishna explains that every soul becomes realised only by leading a life of discipline and virtue and in that course has to fight a constant battle in his mind against inherent evil tendencies and vices, pointed out Sri R. Krishnamurthy Sastrigal in a discourse.

In fact, the purana stories symbolise this fight that is happening at the individual level through the conflicts between the celestial beings and the asuras at the cosmic level. In each jivatma evil tendencies arise to overpower the good ones.

The fact that the asuras are more in number and stronger than the devas only indicates the way evil tendencies and bad thoughts arise easily and more often in each jivatma to overpower the individual effort to good and righteous behaviour. Krishna explains this in chapter 16, when He speaks of the Deivi and Asuri sampath, the divine and the demoniac tendencies in people.

In chapter 13, the Lord speaks of 20 qualities that every individual has to cultivate to make his life on earth meaningful for him and the self. There is no totally virtuous or vicious being since the entire Prakriti is constituted of the three gunas – satva, rajas and tamas – that are intertwined with one another. In chapter 18, once again the good and bad qualities are highlighted. These are important to every spiritual aspirant as they facilitate the knowledge of the self. All the other qualities are hindrances to self knowledge and come under the category of ignorance.

INTERVIEW | CHANDRIKA KUMARATUNGA

‘Today Sri Lanka is bankrupt because of the Rajapaksas’

If an honest government solves the country’s problems, history will put the Rajapaksas in their due place, says the former President

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

For over 15 years now, former two-term President of Sri Lanka **Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga** *has stayed out of active politics. She re-emerged as a key player in the formation of the Yahapalanaya [good governance] coalition – of Maithripala Sirisena and Ranil Wickremesinghe – in 2015, only to witness the Sri Lanka Freedom Party of the Bandaranaike clan collapse after the Rajapaksas carved out their own party from it. Speaking to* The Hindu *at her Colombo residence, the 77-year-old former President reflects on the staggering developments in Sri Lanka over the last few months, and the way forward for the country's political and economic progress. Edited excerpts:*

As a senior political leader in Sri Lanka, what are your thoughts on the developments over the last few months?

To start with, I can say I am thrilled by the Aragalaya (struggle). Not the violence that was perpetrated by the extremist minority there, but the whole concept of the Aragalaya, the way it started, and the vision of the good people leading it. Because the country had reached the stage where, with two Rajapaksa regimes, everything that was bad and hateful was stabilised in power. Like corruption. Today we are bankrupt only because of the corruption of the [Rajapaksa] family and their acolytes.

When our systems have crashed and been destroyed consciously, how do you change things? Even if you go for elections, the same lot of crooks get elected. Then, the only way to change is through a socio-political upheaval, a revolution.

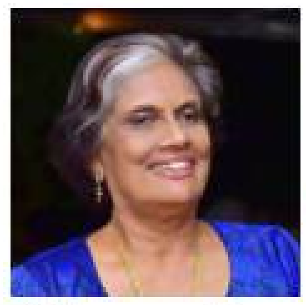
What about the Aragalaya did you find striking?

■ What was really exciting and positive about the Aragalaya was that they had a vision. They were not just saying we want to chase out the Rajapaksas. They said this is not enough, we want an honest government, transparent governance, and that the robbers be brought to book. They had a vision, they were brilliantly well organised, and they were honest about contributions coming in.

Has the election of President Ranil Wickremesinghe brought stability for Sri Lanka?

■ It has definitely brought in a certain amount of stability. Fuel is being distributed in a logical and better fashion. The way the Rajapaksas did it was totally anarchic.

Ranil seems to have understood, because he understands the economy and is an intelligent man, that the IMF programme is an absolute must. Having worked with Ranil in two governments, I am waiting and watching. I wish him well, for the sake of the country, I really wish he can do it. However, I don't know whether he can translate his thoughts into action.



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The Cabinet is being expanded and the President's efforts to form an all-party government are yet to succeed. Do you think the opposition is justified in being sceptical?

■ He [Ranil Wickremesinghe] has convicted criminals and well-known thugs and robbers in his Cabinet. In such a situation, the younger politicians don't want to sully their names.

Now that the Rajapaksas are out of power, do you see the SLFP having a chance to regroup and revive itself?

■ Sri Lanka, like India, had two major parties. A left of centre party [SLFP], and a right of centre party [United National Party or UNP]. Both those forces have now been decimated. I have been asked if I would help the government. I will wait and watch. I have not been hooted at, stoned, nor spat upon [by protesters]. My good name is all I have earned in politics I don't want to lose that.

Did the President himself invite you to help him?

■ I have had messages sent.

The political tumult here was triggered by an economic crisis. What economic model must Sri Lanka choose now?

■ I would say something like what I brought in between 1994 and 2005. We need a social welfarist approach with the liberal economic logic.

You mentioned IMF support. There are foreign policy choices and geopolitical dynamics that come into play with external assistance. How should Sri Lanka navigate them?

■ Sri Lanka, I would say, has no other choice than a policy of non-alignment. Dynamic non-alignment, as was followed by all the Bandaranaike governments.

I am personally very thankful that India has come in, giving us all this aid when they could have stood back and waited because they were not very happy with the Rajapaksa government's policies.

When the government opted for import restrictions, many recalled the 1970s under PM Sirimavo Bandaranaike, when shortages and long queues were common. How do you view this comparison?

■ Of course, we must be self-sufficient in major products, major food products at least, and maybe small industrial products. But to say we must stop all imports and produce everything in Sri Lanka is not realistic. You know, we Sinhala Buddhists, who comprise 70% of the population, are a majority with a terrific minority complex. I suppose one reason is that we have a massive neighbour, and we have had a conflictual relationship with that country since ancient times. When a majority has a minority complex, you try to put down everybody around you to feel that you are important. That is a collective weakness of our nation.

Do you think the game is over for the Rajapaksas, as some say, or can they make a comeback since the opposition is still weak?

■ All those possibilities are there. If a government led by Ranil and all other parties, an honest government, solves the country's problems, history will put the Rajapaksas in their due place. The Rajapaksas have harassed me. They did that in cheap, horrible ways. Anyway, those are details that do not influence my political priorities. I dislike them for what they did to the country and our party.

So I am delighted that the Aragalaya was able to chase them out in a peaceful manner I think it is a great thing that happened, otherwise they would never have gone. I am also surprised by their [Rajapaksas'] shamelessness. I would have taken a straight dive into the Indian Ocean if the people had reacted one-tenth as badly against me.

Do you see yourself returning to active politics?

■ No. Definitely not.

Why?

■ I have done enough. Unlike most Sri Lankan politicians, I have a lot of other interests in life...like reading, cinema, theatre.

(Read full interview at https://bit.ly/3e7Bmxg)

China will convene key ruling Party Congress on October 16

It is expected to mark the beginning of a third term for President Xi Jinping

ANANTH KRISHNAN
BEIJING

The ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) will convene a twice-a-decade national congress on October 16, its Politburo announced on Tuesday following a meeting in Beijing. The 20th Party Congress is expected to mark the beginning of an unprecedented third term for President Xi Jinping, who is also CPC General Secretary and Chairman of the Central Military Commission.

Next extension: Xi Jinping at a national award ceremony in Beijing on Tuesday. ■AP

Mr. Xi has during a decade in office essentially disbanded the collective leadership system and rewritten the Constitution to end the 10-year term limit followed by two of his predecessors, establishing himself as arguably the party's most powerful leader since Mao Zedong.

The outcomes of the 20th Party Congress, including the make-up of the next Politburo, will shed the clearest light yet on the extent of Mr. Xi's influence, with many of the current members of the Politburo and Central Committee set to retire.

The Politburo statement indicated that Mr. Xi's imprint is likely to shape party policies for the next five years and perhaps even longer. If, as expected, no clear heir apparent emerges in the Congress, it would suggest Mr. Xi will remain at the helm until at least 2032.

The statement said the Politburo will convene its last plenary session – a once-a-year event that sets policies – on October 9 and would propose holding the once-in-five-year Congress on October 16 in Beijing. It name-checked several of Mr. Xi's key campaigns, saying "all Party members and people from all ethnic groups across the country will be mobilised" and "push forward common prosperity for all, advancing the great new project of Party building, and promoting the building of a community with a shared future for mankind".

The congress will "take stock of the Party's work over the past five years", the statement added, and reflect on its its "major achievements" with "Xi Jinping at its core in uniting and leading the whole Party". The week-long event will also "thoroughly review the international and domestic situations" and choose a new Central Committee.

Xi's power

The composition of the next Politburo Standing Committee in particular – the highest-ranking body – will be among the most closely followed outcomes, seen as a gauge of Mr. Xi's power and influence. Among the seven current members, at least two are set to retire in keeping with the norm of officials aged 68 and over stepping down. The constitutional amendment essentially created an exception for Mr. Xi, who is 69, by removing the term-limit for the post of President.

Second-ranked leader Li Keqiang, 67, a protégé of former leader Hu Jintao, said in March he will retire as Premier, although he can remain on the top party body. The selection of the next Premier, who will succeed Mr. Li when his term ends following the annual meeting of the legislature in March 2023, will be another key measure of Mr. Xi's power.

The announcement of the start of the congress on October 16, a month earlier than the congresses in 2002 and 2012, that brought Mr. Hu and Mr. Xi to power after tumultuous internal succession struggles, were held, was seen by some observers in Beijing as signalling that this year's affair would be smooth, a suggestion that Mr. Xi, in all likelihood, has already had his way in both personnel appointments and in setting party policy for the next five years.

Solomon Islands suspends all visits from foreign Navies

ASSOCIATED PRESS
HONIARA

Solomon Islands has suspended visits from all foreign Navies, citing a need to review approval processes, the country's leader said on Tuesday, after a U.S. Coast Guard ship was unable to refuel at its port.

The decision comes amid concerns over the Solomons' growing ties with China in recent years, switching diplomatic recognition from Taipei to Beijing in 2019 and signing a security pact with the Asian power in April.

Western governments are wary that the islands could provide China with a military foothold in a strategically important region.

Welcoming a U.S. hospital ship to the capital Honiara, Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare said he was reviewing the process for allowing foreign military vessels to dock in the country. "We have requested our partners to give us time to review and put in place our new processes before sending further requests for military vessels to enter the country."

He said delays in processing approvals to a U.S. Coast Guard ship and a British navy vessel meant both were turned away.

The U.S. Embassy in Canberra confirmed that it had received notification of the suspension of naval visits.

Iraq protesters retreat after cleric's appeal

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BAGHDAD

Iraqi supporters of powerful cleric Moqtada al-Sadr began withdrawing on Tuesday from Baghdad's Green Zone after he called for an end to fighting between rival Shia forces and the Army that left 23 dead and hundreds wounded.

The tensions soared following Mr. al-Sadr's announcement that he was quitting politics.

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಕ್ರಿಯಾಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಡಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ, ಹಿರಿಯೂರು, ಹೊಳಲ್ಕೆರೆ, ಹೊಸದುರ್ಗ ಮತ್ತು ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಆಯ್ದ ವಿವಿಧ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ/ಪ್ರೌಢಶಾಲೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಬ್ಬಿಣದ ಡೆಸ್ಕ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಬಿಡ್ದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶದಡಿ ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ನಮೂನೆಯನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.Karnataka.gov.in ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು.

(1) ಕಬ್ಬಿಣದ ಡೆಸ್ಕ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ವಿಳಾಸ: ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ 6 ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಆಯ್ದ ವಿವಿಧ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ/ ಪ್ರೌಢಶಾಲೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಬ್ಬಿಣದ ಡೆಸ್ಕ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವುದು (ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾದ ಶಾಲೆಗಳ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಾದೇಶ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.). (2) ಕಬ್ಬಿಣದ ಡೆಸ್ಕ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದ ಅವಧಿ: ಕಾರ್ಯಾದೇಶ ನೀಡಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 30 ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗೆ. (3) ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸಲು ನಿಗಧಿಗೊಳಿಸಲಾದ ಮೊತ್ತ: ಕಬ್ಬಿಣದ ಡೆಸ್ಕ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ನಿಗಧಿಗೊಳಿಸಲಾದ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 75.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. (4) ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರು ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ.1,85,000/-. (5) ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣಾ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: DPI/Desk Purchase/CR-35/2022-23. (6) Pre-Bid meeting date: 22.08.2022. (7) ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶದಡಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.08.2022ರಿಂದ. (8) ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.09.2022ರ ವರೆಗೆ. (9) ಸ್ಯಾಂಪಲ್‌ನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗೆ ಒದಗಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.09.2022 (ಕಚೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ). (10) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.09.2022. 11. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.09.2022

ಷರತು: ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಚಳ್ಳಕೆರೆ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ, ಹಿರಿಯೂರು, ಹೊಳಲ್ಕೆರೆ, ಹೊಸದುರ್ಗ & ಮೊಳಕಾಲ್ಮೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಆಯ್ದ ವಿವಿಧ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ/ಪ್ರೌಢಶಾಲೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಬ್ಬಿಣದ ಡೆಸ್ಕ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ತಂತ್ರಾಂಶದಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು (ಆಡಳಿತ), ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಇವರನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 9448999336.

ಸಹಿ/- ಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು(ಆಡಳಿತ),
ಶಾಲಾ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಕ್ಷರತಾ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ.

RO No. 289: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2021-22

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

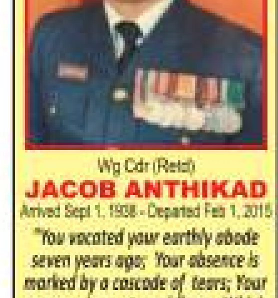
DEATH

IN LOVING MEMORY

P.RAMASUBBA REDDY
18.08.1943 - 29.08.2022
FUNERAL ON 01.09.2022 AT 9:30AM
P.AMRUTHA, P.AJAY, A.ARCHANA

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

REMEMBRANCE



Wg Cdr (Retd)
JACOB ANTHIKAD
Arrived Sept 1, 1938 - Departed Feb 1, 2015
"You vacated your earthly abode seven years ago; Your absence is marked by a cascade of tears; Your memory is an eternal flame; Which glows at the mention of your name"

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ನಗರಸಭೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಶಹಾಪುರ ಜಿ: ಯಾದಗಿರಿ
Website: www.shahapuracity.mrc.gov.in Email ID :itstaff_ulb_shahapur@yahoo.com

ಸಂ:ನಸಶ/ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ವಿಶೇಷ/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 26.08.2022

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾನೂನು 1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಗಳ 2000ರಂತೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ (ರಜಿಸ್ಟರ್ಡ್) ಬಿಡ್ದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮಗಳ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರಾರುಗಳನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರ್ಮಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವದು. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು ವಿವರ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದೆ. 1. ಟೆಂಡರಗಳ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27.08.2022 2. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12.09.2022 17:00 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ 3. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.09.2022. 17:15 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ.

Sl. No	Indent No	Details of work	Approx. Est. Cost In Lakhs	E.M.D	Class of contractor & Time Period
1	DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_IN-DENT136260	Construction of C.C Road and Drain from Sathakheda Mutyanavar house up to stream bridge, from B.B Main road up to Garden compound wall in Front of Shishu Hospital in w.no 08, from Savitha samaja Kalyana Mantapa to Shankara malya house in ward no. 12 , from Khaja patel house to BB Road via Managuli Hospital in ward no. 02 and Construction of Protection wall behind of Basava Bhavana near Chrabasaveshwara Temple of shahapur city of yadgir district	46.00 lakhs	As per E-Portal	As per E-Portal
2	DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_IN-DENT136016	Construction of storm water Drain to Aashraya layout in sy.no.120 of shahapur city.(Total extent of 12 Acre 08 Gunta's)	152.47 lakhs	As per E-Portal	As per E-Portal
3	DMA/2022-23/WS/WORK_IN-DENT136012	CONSTRUCTION OF OHT AND PROVIDING WATER SUPPLY PIPELINE FOR ASHRAYA LAYOUT OF SY. NO. 120 (MALLAYYANA GUDDA) IN SHAHAPUR CITY OF YADGIR DISTRICT	147.00 lakhs	As per E-Portal	As per E-Portal

ಸಹಿ/-
ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು ನಗರಸಭೆ ಶಹಾಪುರ.

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಯಾದಗಿರಿ/221/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2022-23

TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl.No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No	Total
1	SE/Transmission-II	T.2252, T.2253	2
2	CE/P&C	PC1065	1

For details of works/Procurement/Due date of submission/opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit website www.tantransco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app, www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/tneb

DIPR/ 3853 /TENDER/2022

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
Construction & Maintenance Group
ISRO Head Quarters, Antariksh Bhavan,
New BEL Road, Bengaluru-560 094.
Ph.: 080-2217 2033/2032/2476, Fax: 080-23513126

E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, item rate e-tenders are invited for the following work:

Title of work	**Modification of ILC Guest House at Khar West, Mumbai - Civil & PH Works**
Tender Notice No.	**CMG/ISRO-HQ/C/C/05/2022-23 dated 30.08.2022**
Estimated Cost put to tender	**Rs. 33.00 lakhs**
Period of completion	**Three (03) months**
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	**From 18:10 hrs. on 30.08.2022 to 23:59 Hrs. on 11.09.2022**
Last date and time for receipt of tenders	**Up to 14:30 Hrs. on 14.09.2022**
Due date & time of opening of tenders	**16:00 Hrs. on 14.09.2022**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 66,000/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed tender notice on **www.isro.gov.in/tender** The detailed tender notice and tender documents can be downloaded from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Head, CMG, ISRO HQ

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture -West Zone, BBMP, 8th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560 003.

No.SADH(W)/TENDER/PR/03/2022-23 Date:30.08.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (West Zone), invites tenders from eligible tenderers for providing the services detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount (Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Beautification and Development of Horticulture works in Chamarajapete Constituency.	40,00,000/-	80,000/-
2.	Beautification of West of Chord Road in Rajajinagara Constituency.	50,00,000/-	1,00,000/-
3.	Beautification and Development of Horticulture works in Govindarajanagara Constituency.	73,00,000/-	1,46,000/-
4.	Beautification and Development of Horticulture works in Gandhinagara Constituency.	1,27,00,000/-	1,90,500/-
5.	Beautification and Development of Horticulture works in Malleswaram Constituency.	1,47,00,000/-	2,20,500/-

All works reserved for general category. **1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-procurement portal from **15.09.2022 onwards. 2)** Last date for submission of tenders: **18.09.2022. 3)** Opening of Technical Bids : **19.09.2022, 11.00 a.m. onwards. 4)** Opening of Financial Bids : **26.09.2022 (if possible)**. Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (West Zone)

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

MARKET WATCH

	30-08-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,537	2.70
US Dollar	79.52	0.48
Gold	51,469	0.16
Brent oil	100.26	-3.56

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	842.15	5.75
Apollo Hosp	4322.90	71.40
Asian Paints	3391.60	48.35
Axis Bank	751.50	22.80
Bajaj Auto	4084.85	54.80
Bajaj Finserv	16962.15	675.75
Bajaj Finance	7306.25	341.90
Bharti Airtel	726.60	6.00
BPCL	328.65	2.45
Britannia Ind	3747.75	40.10
Cipla	1038.45	21.15
Coal India	234.80	4.20
Divis Lab	3626.85	44.40
Dr Reddys Lab	4245.05	34.90
Eicher Motors	3358.75	67.15
Grasim Ind	1678.65	14.60
HCL Tech	938.95	21.45
HDFC	2446.40	80.40
HDFC Bank	1486.10	46.70
HDFC Life	575.20	14.25
Hero MotoCorp	2837.70	10.65
Hindalco	439.00	8.80
Hind Unilever	2659.85	84.05
ICICI Bank	887.30	31.45
Indusind Bank	1107.45	48.25
Infosys	1492.95	31.20
ITC	320.50	6.95
JSW Steel	666.90	17.30
Kotak Bank	1915.45	65.45
L&T	1922.50	41.00
M&M	1308.70	31.90
Maruti Suzuki	9082.25	248.05
Nestle India Ltd.	19925.85	278.50
NTPC	164.00	3.05
ONGC	138.60	2.70
PowerGrid Corp	229.60	2.55
Reliance Ind	2637.95	40.30
SBI Life	1329.10	30.90
State Bank	531.25	16.40
Shree Cement	22073.10	177.30
Sun Pharma	893.05	13.80
Tata Consumer Products Ltd	809.65	3.50
Tata Motors	471.10	17.75
Tata Steel	108.30	3.45
TCS	3211.15	78.60
Tech Mahindra	1076.10	40.55
Titan	2604.65	72.95
UltraTech Cement	6677.85	171.55
UPL	769.25	18.80
Wipro	413.55	9.20

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 30

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.25	79.57
Euro	79.46	79.81
British Pound	92.81	93.22
Japanese Yen (100)	57.28	57.53
Chinese Yuan	11.48	11.53
Swiss Franc	81.61	81.98
Singapore Dollar	56.79	57.02
Canadian Dollar	61.01	61.26
Malaysian Ringitt	17.69	17.78
Australian Dollar	54.98	55.25

Source: Indian Bank

Shriram Transport plans to raise ₹50 bn in FY23

MUMBAI

Shriram Transport Finance Company Ltd. plans to raise an additional ₹50 billion ($627.20 million) in the second half of FY23. REUTERS

Sensex rebounds, surges 2.7% spurred by bank, tech stocks

Further upside depends on how sustainable the increase is, say analysts

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The benchmark S&P BSE Sensex rebounded on Tuesday, surging 2.7% or the most in more than three months on the back of strong buying interest in financial, banking and technology stocks.

The Sensex advanced by 1,564.45 points to 59,537.07. The gains were led by Bajaj Finserv (5.47%), Bajaj Finance (4.86%), IndusInd Bank (4.38%) and Tech Mahindra (3.96%). The NSE Nifty-50 index too rose 2.58% to 17,759.30 points.

"Markets have completely engulfed the recent decline with a decisive up move; however, sustainability would be critical for a further up-

Rapid recovery: The benchmark equity indices logged their best single-day gain since May 20. • FILE PHOTO

tick," said Ajit Mishra, vice president, research, Religare Broking. "While global cues are still mixed, upcoming domestic data like core sector and auto sales numbers will be on the radar for cues," Mr. Mishra added.

Vinod Nair, head of Research, Geojit Financial Services, said: "The rebound indicates the domestic economy's resilience in comparison to its global peers. Although the markets are currently at premium valuations, continued support from foreign investors aided domestic stocks... higher".

"Sectors in [sync] with the progress of the domestic economy should be able to do well compared to the rest," Mr. Nair added.

The key stock indices logged their best single-day gain since May 20.

The Sensex and the Nifty-50 had tumbled more than 1.4% on Monday in the wake of the U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell indicating last week that the central bank would stick to a strategy of rate increases to cool runaway inflation.

(With PTI inputs)

Brent slides 5% on fears of a recession

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

The price of Brent crude, the main international oil contract, fell more than 5% on Tuesday as new Chinese pandemic lockdowns revived recession concerns.

Brent slumped 5.1% to $99.78 per barrel at 1410 GMT, while the price of the main U.S. crude contract, WTI, was down 4.8% at $92.31 per barrel.

Rupee gains 39 paise on FPI inflows, dip in oil price

'Currency may appreciate to 79.20'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI

The rupee rebounded by 39 paise to close at an almost two-week high of 79.52 against the U.S. dollar on Tuesday, supported by foreign fund inflows and a correction in crude oil prices.

The dollar retreating from the 20-year high levels against a basket of world currencies also supported the local unit.

The rupee fell to a record intra-day low of 80.15 versus the dollar on Monday.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, slipped 0.06% to 108.76. The dollar index had surged to 109.48 in overnight trade, a level not seen since September 2002.

"Indian rupee outperformed among the regional currencies following month-end re-balancing inflows and recovery in risk assets on the expectation of inflows", said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities. "Most Asian currencies firmed after a sharp drop on Monday. We could see a further appreciation towards 79.20 and 78.70 while breaking of 79.80 will negate the said view."

Granules' gas, diarrhoea drug gets U.S. nod

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Granules India has received U.S. Food and Drug Administration (U.S. FDA) approval for its abbreviated new drug application related to Loperamide Hydrochloride and Simethicone Tablets 2 mg/125 mg (over the counter).

The product is bioequivalent to the reference listed drug, Imodium Multi-Symptom Relief Tablets, 2 mg/125 mg, of Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc.

The drug is indicated to relieve symptoms of diarrhoea and bloating.

The Imodium Multi-Symptom Relief and store brands had combined U.S. sales of about $60 million MAT for the most recent 12 months, Granules said.

TMB IPO to raise up to ₹832 cr. to open Sept. 5

Price band fixed at ₹500-₹525 apiece

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The initial public offering (IPO) of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd. (TMB) will open on September 5 to raise up to ₹832 crore.

The private sector lender is offering 1,58,40,000 fresh shares of face value of ₹10 each at a price band of ₹500 to ₹525 per share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 28 shares and in multiples of 28 shares thereafter.

"The reason for which I am tapping the market is more in terms of compliance," MD & CEO K.V. Rama Moorthy said.

"Since the Reserve Bank has been after us to get ourselves listed because we are a loan [providing] entity, there was need for list-

ing. We have been in existence for the last 100 years and we are the only unlisted entity in the [banking] system," he added.

He said the listing would lead to dilution of 10% stake of the promoters. "The entire amount is fresh issue and we are very confident about this," he said.

TMB proposes to utilise the net proceeds of the fresh issue towards augmentation of its tier-I capital base.

SAT voids NSE order against Kotak bank

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has quashed orders passed by NSE and CDSL against Kotak Mahindra Bank in the share-pledging case pertaining to Arcadia Share and Stock Brokers.

The SAT said NSE and CDSL had no powers to issue directions to a non-trading member. In February 2021, the NSE had directed the bank not to invoke the pledge of the securities till ownership of the shares was ascertained in the demat account of Arcadia Share and Stock Brokers. Thereafter, CDSL imposed a debit freeze, barring Kotak from invoking the pledged shares and recovering dues.

Arvind Mafatlal plans to expand edtech business

Group firm allies with TinkRworks

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

The 118-year old Arvind Mafatlal Group has chalked out plans to significantly grow group entity Uniform Junction which provides educational products and services to about 500 schools across the country.

To broadbase its offerings, Uniform Junction, which calls itself a curated marketplace for K12 learning, has entered into a tie-up with U.S. based TinkRworks, which offers STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics] education in several markets. The objective is to bring global standards to problem-solving, coding, and STEM subjects and help schools adapt to the frame-

The NEP blueprint will help students solve complex problems

AMEET ZAVERI
CEO, Uniform Junction

work laid out by the New Education Policy (NEP) through a single platform.

"We are currently engaged with over 100 EdTech partners (and growing) with over 30 in various stages of integration," said Uniform Junction CEO Ameet Zaveri.

"NEP is set to become the mainstay of education in India. It is the blueprint for a new kind of learning that will equip students, teachers, and learners with the STEM arsenal to solve complex problems and enhance decision-making," he said.

Accenture backs space start-up Pixxel

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Accenture has made a strategic investment, through its investment arm, Accenture Ventures, in Pixxel, a space tech start-up based here. However, the financial details were not immediately available.

"We continue to take great interest in start-ups within the burgeoning space industry, which some forecast will reach $1 trillion in revenue by... 2040," Accenture said.

Pixxel is said to be building the world's highest resolution hyperspectral imaging satellite constellation to offer industry AI-powered insights that predict and solve climate issues at a fraction of the cost of traditional satellites.

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Men in Blue will look to experiment

Karthik could pad up again; Hooda, Ashwin may be included; Hong Kong will come out firing

ASIA CUP

ASHWIN ACHAL
DUBAI

Going by what unfurled the previous time the two teams met, India can expect Hong Kong to come out fighting in their Asia Cup Group 'A' clash here on Wednesday.

It was in the 2018 Asia Cup, played in the ODI format, where India survived a scare from the minnows. Chasing 286, Hong Kong openers Nizakat Khan and Anshuman Rath put on an excellent 174-run stand to set the cat among the pigeons. It was only inexperience that pulled Hong Kong down, allowing India to escape with a 26-run victory.

India, having edged out Pakistan on Sunday, will look to finish its group stage campaign with a big win.

Wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik, who was picked ahead of Rishabh Pant on Sunday, could get the nod again. Karthik wasn't needed to show his finishing power, having faced just a single ball in the chase.

India could use this fixture to experiment with its playing eleven. The likes of batter Deepak Hooda and spinner R. Ashwin, both of whom sat out in the previous match, could get a look in.

Teeing up: Karthik will be eager to unfurl his range of shots against Hong Kong. • TWITTER/ BCCI

Lifetime dream

The Hong Kong side, meanwhile, is filled with players of Pakistani and Indian origin. For these unheralded cricketers, the chance to go up against quality opposition could be a once-in-a-lifetime dream.

The team entered the main draw of the Asia Cup by defeating Kuwait, Singapore and UAE in the qualifying tournament.

"Winning and losing is a part of the game as long as we play our best cricket," Hong Kong skipper Nizakat Khan said on Tuesday.

Massive opportunity

"Playing against India and Pakistan is a massive opportunity for everyone. We need to learn from them. We need to capitalise on these two games, and show that we are good enough to play against big teams."

In Trent Johnston, Hong Kong has a coach who knows what it takes to defy expectations. Johnston was part of the Ireland team which famously upset England in the 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup at Bengaluru.

"That was a long time ago (win over England). You don't often get the opportunity to play India and Pakistan in the space of three days.

Great achievement

"It's a great achievement for us to qualify for this tournament. No one expects us to beat India, but we have 20 players in our camp who believe they can. We have to play some good cricket, and with a bit of luck, we can do well," Johnston said.

The squads:

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-capt.), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant, Dinesh Karthik, Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, R. Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Ravi Bishnoi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Arshdeep Singh, and Avesh Khan.

Hong Kong: Nizakat Khan (Capt.), Kinchit Shah, Zeeshan Ali, Haroon Arshad, Babar Hayat, Aftab Hussain, Ateeq Iqbal, Aizaz Khan, Ehsan Khan, Scott McKechnie, Ghazanfar Mohammad, Yasim Murtaza, Dhananjay Rao, Wajid Shah, Ayush Shukla, Ahan Trivedi, and Mohammad Waheed.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
GROUP A
India vs. **Hong Kong**
Dubai, 7:30 p.m. IST

THURSDAY'S MATCH
GROUP B
Bangladesh vs. **Sri Lanka**
Dubai, 7:30 p.m. IST

Afghanistan sails into Super 4

After the Mujeeb-Rashid show, the Zadrans take over

AYAN ACHARYA
SHARJAH

Afghanistan beat Bangladesh by seven wickets to advance to the Super 4 stage of the Asia Cup as the topper of Group B here on Tuesday.

Chasing 128, Afghanistan crawled to 48 in 10 overs, losing two wickets. Openers Hazratullah Zazai and Rahmanullah Gurbaz fell for 23 and 11 as Bangladesh applied pressure. Mohammad Saifuddin trapped Mohammad Nabi leg-before shortly after.

But with Afghanistan needing 66 from 42 balls, Ibrahim Zadran (42, 41b, 4x4) and Najibullah Zadran (43, 17b, 1x4, 6x6) brought out the big hits in an enterprising 69-run unbeaten stand. The two scored 39 in two overs (17th and 18th) with a flurry of boundaries. Afghanistan got over the line with nine balls to spare.

Earlier, Mujeeb Ur Rahman (three for 16) and Rashid Khan (three for 22) teased and tormented the Bangladesh batters. Mosaddek Hossain's unbeaten 48 off 31 balls was the silver lining.

On a high: Mujeeb celebrates Shakib's dismissal. • AP

Batting first on a slow surface, Bangladesh lost Mohammad Naim to Mujeeb in the second over, clean bowled off a carrom ball. Mujeeb then trapped Anamul Haque in his second over before castling skipper Shakib Al Hasan, playing his 100th T20I, in his third. Bangladesh scored only 28 for three in the PowerPlay, with Mujeeb's first spell reading 3-0-9-3.

Rashid stepped in to inflict more misery on a day when nothing went right for for Bangladesh.

SCOREBOARD

BANGLADESH
Mohammad Naim b Mujeeb 6 *(8b, 1x4)*, Anamul Haque lbw b Mujeeb 5 *(14b)*, Shakib Al Hasan b Mujeeb 11 *(9b, 2x4)*, Mushfiqur Rahim lbw b Rashid 1 *(4b)*, Afif Hossain lbw b Rashid 12 *(15b)*, Mahmudullah c Ibrahim b Rashid 25 *(27b, 1x4)*, Mosaddek Hossain (not out) 48 *(31b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Mahedi Hasan run out 14 *(12b, 2x4)*, Mohammad Saifuddin (not out) 0 *(0b)*; Extras (lb-3, w-2): 5; Total (for seven wkts. in 20 overs): 127.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-7 (Naim, 1.6 overs), 2-13 (Haque, 3.6), 3-24 (Shakib, 5.2), 4-28 (Rahim, 6.2), 5-53 (Afif, 10.3), 6-89 (Mahmudullah, 15.4), 7-127 (Mahedi, 19.5).

AFGHANISTAN BOWLING
Farooqi 4-0-25-0, Mujeeb 4-0-16-3, Naveen 4-0-31-0, Rashid 4-0-22-3, Nabi 3-0-23-0, Omarzai 1-0-7-0.

AFGHANISTAN
Hazratullah Zazai lbw b Mosaddek 23 *(26b, 3x4)*, Rahmanullah Gurbaz st. Rahim b Shakib 11 *(18b, 1x4)*, Ibrahim Zadran (not out) 42 *(41b, 4x4)*, Mohammad Nabi lbw b Saifuddin 8 *(9b, 1x4)*, Najibullah Zadran (not out) 43 *(17b, 1x4, 6x6)*; Extras (lb-1, w-3): 4; Total (for three wkts. in 18.3 overs): 131.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-15 (Gurbaz, 4.1), 2-45 (Zazai, 9.2), 3-62 (Nabi, 12.6).

BANGLADESH BOWLING
Shakib 4-0-13-1, Mustafizur 3-0-30-0, Mahedi 4-0-26-0, Taskin 3-0-22-0, Mosaddek 2.3-0-12-1, Saifuddin 2-0-27-1.

Toss: Bangladesh.

MoM: Mujeeb.

Afghanistan won by seven wickets with nine balls to spare.

'Was prepared to face Shadab and Nawaz'

Promotion was tactical, says Jadeja

ASHWIN ACHAL
DUBAI

The ploy to send Ravindra Jadeja up the order to No. 4 against Pakistan in the Asia Cup encounter here on Sunday paid dividends, as the all-rounder made a crucial 35 to guide India home.

It was a tactical promotion, given that Jadeja - a southpaw - would have it easier against the Pakistan spinners, Shadab Khan and Mohammad Nawaz.

Jadeja. • AP

"When a left-arm spinner or leg-spinner is bowling, a left-hand batsman has it easier against them. The batsman can take a chance against them. I knew that this situation would happen, because Pakistan had a leg-spinner (Shadab) and a left-arm spinner (Nawaz). I was mentally prepared. The runs I got in that situation for the team was satisfying," Jadeja said in a press conference here on Tuesday.

The Indian team will not underestimate Hong Kong on Wednesday. "We will play with a positive mindset. We will not take Hong Kong lightly. In T20 cricket, anything can happen," he said.

'What Jhulan brings to the game nobody else can'

Skipper Harmanpreet all praise for the veteran seamer's work ethic

INDIA IN ENG

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

Jhulan Goswami's long, illustrious international career is set to end late next month. On the eve of the Indian women's tour of England, skipper Harmanpreet Kaur paid a glowing tribute to the seamer with 352 international wickets.

"Nobody could beat Jhulan's attitude to the game," the captain said on Tuesday. "When I joined the Indian team, she was leading the side and I have learned a lot from her."

Harmanpreet said nobody could fill Jhulan's place. "Even today she does the kind of hard work she did in her younger days," she said. "She bowls two to three hours during training sessions and you hardly see any other bowler doing it now. Even while batting at nets (she does it with the same intensity). What she brings to the game, nobody else can."

In high esteem: Harmanpreet believes Jhulan has been a great example for all the players. • TWITTER/@TEAMINDIA

Harmanpreet believes Jhulan has been a great example for all the players. "There are several cricketers in India who have started playing after watching her," she said.

"When I began my career, I used to look up to her; I would watch how she prepared and how her mindset was before a game. She is someone who has done a lot of hard work and I consider myself lucky that I could watch such a cricketer from close and spend time with her."

When I began my career, I used to look up to her; I would watch how she prepared

India will play three T20Is and as many ODIs against England. The series begins with a T20I on September 10 at Chester-le-Street and concludes on September 24 with the ODI at Lord's, a perfect venue for Jhulan's farewell.

The schedule:

T20Is: Sept. 10 (Chester-le-Street), 11.30 p.m.; Sept. 13 (Derby), 11 p.m.; Sept. 15 (Bristol), 11 p.m.

ODIs: Sept. 18 (Hove), 3.30 p.m.; Sept. 21 (Canterbury), 5.30 p.m.; Sept. 24 (Lord's), 3.30 p.m.

All times IST.

England tour Jhulan's last

SPORTS BUREAU

There have been reports that Jhulan Goswami would bid adieu after the ODI series in England.

Captain Harmanpreet Kaur did not deny it when asked about it in a chat with the media on Tuesday.

"We are talking that this will be her last series and it will be very special for her and special for us," Harmanpreet said.

"When I made my debut, she was the captain. When she plays her last ODI, I will be leading the side."

Disney Star signs agreement with Zee

Allows the latter to broadcast all ICC men's, U-19 events in 2024-2027 cycle

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Disney Star signed a licensing agreement with Zee on Tuesday, allowing the latter to broadcast all ICC men's and U-19 events for the 2024-2027 cycle.

The digital rights for ICC events remain with Disney Star. The current ICC rights holder had made the winning bid of around $3 billion to secure the rights for the Indian market. The deal will enable Zee broadcast the ICC men's events, including the 2024 and 2026 T20 World Cup, 2025 Champions Trophy and 2027 ODI World Cup.

Serena turns on the heat, marches into the second round

Halep and Tsitsipas biggest casualties of opening round; Swiatek breezes past Paolini while Pegula beats Golubic

U.S. OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NEW YORK

Serena Williams delayed her farewell to tennis on an electrifying opening night at the US Open on Monday as the sporting icon battled to victory in front of a star-studded crowd.

The 23-time Grand Slam winner – who earlier this month indicated she plans to retire from tennis after the tournament – drew on all of her experience to down low-ranked Montenegrin Danka Kovinic 6-3, 6-3.

Celebrity array

A galaxy of celebrities ranging from Hollywood stars, fashion icons and former presidents were out in force at Flushing Meadows' Arthur Ashe Stadium to watch what could have been Serena's final appearance in a Grand Slam singles match.

But the 40-year-old ensured that her legions of fans will have at least one more chance to savour her talents as she dug out victory despite an error-strewn display.

A sell-out crowd of 23,500 roared appreciation as Serena strode into the arena wearing a striking sparkling bodice and black skirt comprised of six layers – one for every US Open title she has won.

The roll-call of A-listers on hand for the occasion included former US President Bill Clinton, *Vogue* editor Anna Wintour, former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, tennis legend Martina Navratilova and Hollywood stars such as Hugh Jackman and Queen Latifah.

In other women's action, Simona Halep, seeded seventh, was the biggest casualty in the first round, crashing out 6-2, 0-6, 6-4 to Ukrainian qualifier Daria Snigur. US teenager and 12th seed Coco Gauff cruised past France's Leolia Jeanjean 6-2, 6-3.

Meanwhile, the men's draw got under way with a stunning upset for Greek fourth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas, who was bundled out by Colombian qualifier Daniel Elahi Galan 6-0, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

On the ball: Serena used her expertise and experience to outsmart Kovinic. • AFP

Fallen seeds

- Men: 4-Tsitsipas; 10-Fritz; 30-Cressy
- *Women:* 10-Kasatkina; 16-Ostapenko; 27-Trevisan

Heartbreak for Zhizhen

There was agony for China's Zhang Zhizhen who squandered seven match-points in a 3-6, 6-7(4), 7-6(9), 6-1, 6-4 loss to Tim van Rijthoven of the Netherlands.

In early action on Tuesday, World No. 1 Iga Swiatek breezed into the second round with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Italy's Jasmine Paolini.

The Polish top seed, who has never gone past the fourth round in New York, won in an hour and seven minutes. She was supported by a number of Polish fans wearing red. Swiatek is trying to become the first player since Serena in 2014 to win seven titles in a year.

American Jessica Pegula, the No. 8 seed, also raced through her opening match, needing just a little more than an hour to beat Viktorija Golubic 6-2, 6-2.

THE RESULTS

First round: Men: 17-Dimitrov (Bul) bt Johnson (USA) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; 7-Norrie (GBR) bt Paire (Fra) 6-0, 7-6(1), 6-0.

12-Busta (Esp) bt Thiem (Aut) 7-5, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3; 18-de Minaur (Aus) bt Krajinovic (Srb) 7-5, 6-2, 6-3; 27-Khachanov bt Kudla (USA) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; 6-Auger-Aliassime (Can) bt Ritschard (Sui) 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; Galan (Col) bt 4-Tsitsipas (Gre) 6-0, 6-1, 3-6, 7-5; Fucsovics (Hun) bt 30-Cressy (USA) 6-7(4), 7-5, 5-1 (retd.); 13-Berrettini (Ita) bt Jarry (Chi) 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

Holt (USA) bt 10-Fritz (USA) 6-7(3), 7-6(1), 6-3, 6-4; Moutet (Fra) bt Wawrinka (Sui) 6-4, 7-6 (7), retd.; 21-van de Zandschulp (Ned) bt Machac (Cze) 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-1, 3-6, 7-5; 5-Ruud (Nor) bt Edmund (GBR) 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.

Women: 8-Pegula (USA) bt Golubic (Sui) 6-2, 6-2; 1-Swiatek (Pol) bt Paolini (Ita) 6-3, 6-0; 6-Sabalenka (Blr) bt Harrison (USA) 6-1, 6-3; Kanepi (Est) bt Martincova (Cze) 7-6 (4), 6-3; 9-Muguruza (Esp) bt Tauson (Den) 6-3, 7-6(5); Qinwen (Chn) bt 16-Ostapenko (Lat) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4; 22-Karolina Pliskova (Cze) bt Linette (Pol) 6-2, 4-6, 7-6(8).

Snigur (Ukr) bt 7-Halep (Rom) 6-2, 0-6, 6-4; Zhang (Chn) bt 30-Teichmann (Sui) 6-4, 6-2; 20-Keys (USA) bt Yastremska (Ukr) 7-6(3), 6-3; 12-Gauff (USA) bt Jeanjean (Fra) 6-2, 6-3.

15-Maia (Bra) bt Konjuh (Cro) 6-0, 6-0; 5-Jabeur (Tun) bt Brengle (USA) 7-5, 6-2; 31-Rogers (USA) bt Rus (Ned) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Dart (GBR) bt 10-Kasatkina 7-6(8), 1-6, 6-3; 14-Fernandez (Can) bt Dodin (Fra) 6-3, 6-4; 23-Krejcikova (Cze) bt Contreras Gomez (Mex) 6-0, 6-4; Rodina bt 27-Trevisan (Ita) 7-5, 6-1; 2-Kontaveit (Est) bt Cristian (Rom) 6-3, 6-0.

Goodbye girl stays 'vague' on retirement plans

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
NEW YORK

Serena Williams said she is "staying vague" over her expected retirement from tennis after reaching the US Open second round on Monday. "I have been pretty vague about it, right? I'm going to stay vague because you never know," said the 40-year-old after beating Danka Kovinic 6-3, 6-3.

Serena, a 23-time Grand Slam title winner, said earlier this month that she was "evolving away" from tennis and that "the countdown" was on for her retirement after 27 years as a professional.

Before Monday, the former world No. 1 had won just one match on Tour all year and seen her ranking slip to 605. That kind of form prompted her to reveal that she was on the brink of retirement and hinting that this US Open would be her farewell.

However, the guessing game over her concrete plans for the future continued with mixed messages delivered on court and then in her post-match news conference.

AP adds

When Serena won the 1999 US Open for her first Grand Slam title at age 17, she wore white beads in her hair. On Monday, daughter Olympia was courtside, sporting a hairstyle paying homage to Mom's from all that time ago.

Together time: Serena with daughter Olympia and husband Ohanian after the first round win. • AP

LIVE TELECAST

Australia vs Zimbabwe: 2nd ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 5.10 a.m.
Durand Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3 & 6 p.m.
Asia Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Ultimate Kho Kho: Sony Ten 1 & 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.30 & 8.45 p.m.
US Open: Sony Ten 2, Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30 p.m. onwards
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 10 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Thursday)
Premier League: SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Thursday

BWF: Japan Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30 a.m.
Durand Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3 & 6 p.m.
Asia Cup: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
US Open: Sony Ten 2, Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.30 p.m. onwards

Bengaluru in quarters despite draw

Ogbeche stars as Hyderabad romps past Neroca and into the knockouts

DURAND CUP

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

Bengaluru FC squandered a two-goal lead to be held to a 2-2 draw by a young FC Goa side, in a Group A league match of the Indian Oil 131st Durand Cup at the Salt Lake Stadium here, but still made the quarterfinals on Tuesday.

Bengaluru scored twice in a span of two minutes with contributions from captain Sunil Chhetri and substitute Siva Sakthi to establish a healthy lead midway through the first half. Despite fielding a reserve side, FC Goa fought back well in the second half with goals from Phrangki Buam and captain Lesly Rebello.

The draw did not impact Bengaluru's fortunes as its seven points from three matches was enough to confirm a knock-out stage berth. It is behind leader Mohammedan Sporting which has won all its three matches so far.

The group league positions will be finalised in the concluding match on Friday, which will see the top two sides facing each other.

The other three sides including defending champion FC Goa (four points from four matches), Jamshedpur FC (three from three) and Indian Air Force (zero from three) are out of the tournament.

Off the mark: Bengaluru players celebrate after Chhetri's opener. • DEBASISH BHADURI

Setback

Bengaluru suffered a setback when Congolese forward Prince Ibara had to be replaced in the 10th minute owing to injury.

Sunil Chhetri opened the scoring with an inch-perfect freekick in the 24th minute to bring up his third goal of the tournament. Siva Sakthi, who came in for Ibara, doubled the lead off an assist from Udanta Singh.

Goa returned strongly after the break as Buam made the most of a defensive error to reduce the margin and Rebello fetched the equaliser off a nice combination in the 64th minute.

Sports Bureau reports from Imphal

Bartholomew Ogbeche scored another brace as Hyderabad FC displayed a commanding performance to beat Neroca FC 3-0 in a Group C match at the Khuman Lampak Stadium in Imphal on Tuesday.

Joel Chianese put Hyderabad ahead in the second minute, while Ogbeche shot home in the 17th and 83rd minutes. With its third win in a row, Hyderabad booked a spot in the knockout stage.

The match was held up as the floodlights went out for several minutes in the first half.

The result: Group A: Bengaluru FC 2 (Chhetri 24, Siva 26) drew with FC Goa 2 (Buam 53, Rebello 64).

Group C: Hyderabad FC 3 (Chianese 2, Ogbeche 17, 83) bt Neroca FC 0.

India bags silver at Asian under-20 meet

Qualifies for World under-21 C'ships

Proud moment: The Indian volleyball team members with their silver medals. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

VOLLEYBALL

SPORTS BUREAU

India qualified for the men's under-21 World championship, after winning a silver at the Asian u-20 volleyball championship, losing 12-25, 19-25, 25-22, 15-25 to Iran in the final in Riffa, Bahrain on Monday.

With this win, Iran has seven golds in the tournament, the most by any team. India had won two silvers having lost finals to South Korea in 1994 and Iran in 2002. India captain Dushyant Singh received the best blocker award, while Karthikeyan was awarded the best libero trophy by the Asian Volleyball Confederation.

IN BRIEF

Anirban Lahiri set to play in rebel Liv Tour

BOSTON

Anirban Lahiri has become the first Indian to join the LIV Golf Tour and is set to make his debut on the rebel tour here this week. Lahiri could not be contacted on his big switch to Liv. PTI

Khiladis sign off in style

PUNE

Mumbai Khiladis defeated Odisha Juggernauts 79-31 to finish its campaign with a win in the inaugural edition of Ultimate Kho Kho on Tuesday. The Mumbai side, who ended Juggernauts' six-match winning run, finished second last with four wins in 10 games. Juggernauts (21 points in nine games) occupied the top spot.

Sathiyan and Manika to lead Indian challenge

CHENNAI

G. Sathiyan, top-ranked Indian in the world at No. 37, will spearhead the Indian squad in the men's section in the absence of A. Sharath Kamal while Manika Batra, at No. 44, will lead the women's team in the World table tennis championships to be held at Chengdu (China) between September 30 and October 9

The squads: Men: G. Sathiyan, Sanil Shetty, Harmeet Desai, Manush Shah, and Manav Thakkar.
Women: Manika Batra, Sreeja Akula, Reeth Rishya, Diya Chitale, and Swastika Ghosh.
Coaches: S. Raman and Anindita Chakraborty / Chris Adrian Pfeiffer (personal coach).

SNAPSHOTS

Atletico owes it to Griezmann

MADRID: Antoine Griezmann came off the bench to hand Atletico Madrid a 1-0 LaLiga win at Valencia on Monday as Diego Simeone's side bounced back from its unexpected home defeat by Villarreal eight days ago.
Atletico sits sixth in standings on six points, three behind leader Real Madrid and Betis and one adrift of Barcelona, Villarreal and Athletic Bilbao.

The results: Cadiz 0 lost to Athletic Bilbao 4 (Williams 24, Guruzeta 56, 90+3, Remiro 78); Valencia 0 lost to Atletico Madrid 1 (Griezmann 66).

Arjun, Praggnanandhaa among leaders

DUBAI: Arjun Erigiasi and R. Praggnanandhaa stayed on course of their much-awaited clash following their third straight victory that made them part of the eight-man leaders pack in the Dubai Open chess tournament on Monday.
On a day when N.R. Vignesh surprisingly held top-seeded Russian Alexandr Predke and V.S. Rathnavel exceeded expectations by proving equal to Germany's Liviu-Dieter Nisipeanu, Arjun defeated Raja Rithvik in 32 moves and Praggnanandhaa stopped P. Shyaamnikhil in just 25 to be among the leaders.
Sahaj Grover was the third Indian to maintain an all-win record after racing past Ritviz Parab in 23 moves. Other leaders were Vladimir Akopian (USA), Rinat Jumabayev (Kazakhstan), Aram Hakobyan (Armenia), Mahammad Muradli (Azerbaijan) and Alexander Indjic (Serbia).

Jinendra on song

BENGALURU: Kolhapur's Jinendra Kiran Sangave won three of the four races while local driver Shreyas Hareesh topped the other in the FIM MiniGP World Series India 2022 here over the weekend. Jinendra, 13, who had won a double in the first round last month, repeated the feat in the second round on Saturday.
After three rounds, Jinendra leads the series with 141 points, followed by Shreyas Hareesh (125), Nandanan Mahendran (94) and Muhammed Zain Correya (64).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Siddharth's century highlights Visweswarapuram's win

A. Siddharth's century (112) was instrumental in Visweswarapuram CC's three-wicket win over RVCE in the KSCA (Group I) third division league tournament.

The scores:

RVCE 231/9 in 40 overs (G.P. Likhith 40, H.M. Pooran 56, H.K. Vishwanath 44, K.B. Vivek 31, D.H. Sunil Kumar 5/41) lost to Visweswarapuram CC 234/7 in 39.2 overs (A. Siddharth 112, Virender Singh Aujla 31, Dhruv Nayak 37 n.o., H.S. Sumanth 3/31) [Match reduced to 40 overs per side because of wet outfield].

Neptune CC 158 in 31.3 overs (Suneel Raju 27, Hitakrith Ashok 25, B. Harsha 3/14, Roshan Ashwathaiah 4/50) bt Dooravani Cricketers (1) 116 in 27.2 overs (R. Praveen Singh 28, Md. Khaiser 38, Thrivarna Sagar 3/37, A.S. Saleem 3/13).

Hammonds CC 214/7 in 34 overs (Tarun Manohar 35, N.G. Kushal 40, B.C. Vinay 37, Abhishek Joseph Koshi 52, R. Yuvraj 3/33) bt Engrades CC 183 in 31 overs (Gnane 36, S. Asif Basha 36, S. Ramanji 29, Karna Surya Vamshi 43, K. Nagendra 3/29) [Match reduced to 34 overs per side because of wet outfield].

Hanumanthnagar CC 148 in 32.3 overs (Prajwal Prakash 51, H.S. Ajay 31, Puneeth S. Pai 32 n.o., Prasanna Patilkulkarni 3/40) lost to Visweswarampuram CC (1) 154/6 in 27.4 overs (Shoaib Manager 66, Chetan Jayatheertha 3/48).

Tejas hammers 193 for Vultures CC

Tejas Reddy smashed 193 runs as Vultures CC hammered Jawans CC by 172 runs in the KSCA (Group I) under-16 inter-club tournament.

The scores: Jawahar SC (2) 101 in 35.0 overs (S.A. Aryan Surya 42, Pranshu J. Patel 3/27, Raunak Menon 3/12) lost to Coles CC 104/2 in 22.4 overs (Ananth Uday 59 n.o.).

Swastic Union CC (1) 88 in 38.1 overs (W. Aadil 3/15) lost to Bangalore SC 89/2 in 19.4 overs (S. Ananth 28 n.o.).

The Bangalore Cricketers350/9 in 50 overs (Pramod Jadhav 65, L. Karthesh 68, K.M. Shreyas 33, S. Daivik 86, N. Chetan 28, P. Ved 4/74) bt Neptune CC 176 in 43.5 overs (M. Athreya 70, A. Pranav Kumar 4/32).

FUCC (1) 215 in 44 overs (Krishi Yanamandalla 38, N. Aryan 37, Agastya Akash Sahu 38, Vaibhav Srinivasan 3/36) lost to Malleswaram Gymkhana 216/9 in 47.3 overs (Saksham S. Naik 34, Sharan R. Kanadam 56, Sujal R.Amin 45 n.o., Sriniket L.M. Saragur 3/35).

Vikram CC 175 in 47.5 overs (L. Rakshith 57, Rishit Ojha 28, K.A. Aayush 35, P.K. Prajishnav 3/30, T. Chinmay 3/31) lost to Vijaya CC 176/5 in 42.1 overs (Akash Nitesh Shetty 56, Arjun Mishra 29, Rishabh Manoj Thakur 37 n.o., R. Chinmai 3/17).

Vultures CC 429/5 in 50 overs (Atharv Malviya 64, Tejas Reddy 193, Arnav Mishra 114) bt Jawans CC 257/9 in 50 overs (Arya J. Gowda 41, Sourish Rao 76, Mohammed Asim Jawad 49, Aryan Tiwari 31 n.o., S.P. Banesh 5/46).

Rajajinagar Cricketers 462/9 in 50 overs (Nitish Arya 66, U.R.S. Aadesh 141, Yeshan Gowda 63, Advay Girish Nair 3/37, Vittal Raam Baranidhar 3/68) bt Visweswarapuram CC (2) 244/9 in 50 overs (Rishab B.Nayak 70, C. Barath 50, Sharavan Morkhandikar 85 n.o.).

Mount Joy CC 313/6 in 50 overs (Amogh R.Shetty 153, Siddharth Ashok 67, N. Likith 31, T. Sudip Karthick 3/38) bt Bharath CC 244 in 45.3 overs (Ashutosh D. Hiremath 148, R. Shashvath 4/50).

Young champs: The winners of the Bengluru leg of the PNB Metlife junior badminton championship. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Emeka does the 'trick as Kickstart thumps BUFC

Princeweill Emeka scored a hat-trick as Kickstart FC blanked BUFC 6-0 in the BDFA Super Division Football League, here on Tuesday.

The results: Kickstart FC 6 (Prashanth Kalinga 18, Princewill Emeka Olariche 35, 59, 77, Abhishek Shankar Powar 56, Nikhil Raj Murgesh Kumar 90+1) bt BUFC 0; Roots FC 1 (Anirudh Mukunthan 59) drew with FC Deccan 1 (K. Kaviarasan 67).

Pravararchith and Purvi claim under-17 crowns

Pravararchith Rudrakshala and Purvi Baavikatte emerged the under-17 boys' and girls' singles champions respectively at the Bengaluru leg of the PNB Metlife Junior Badminton Championship that concluded here on Tuesday.

The results (finals): Boys: U-17: Pravararchith Rudrakshala Matam bt Ayushmaan Nagari 21-12, 21-13; **U-15:** Prateek Koundilya bt Kushal Athreya 21-9, 21-12; **U-13:** Toshan Naik bt Thrishan Kumar Sreevatsa 21-15, 23-21; **U-11:** Siddharth S. Nair 23-25, 21-19, 21-19.

Girls: U-17: Purvi Baavikatte bt Aradhan Padmatha 21-12, 21-16; **U-15:** Suhina Roy bt Shaina Manimuthu 21-11, 17-21, 21-18; **U-13:** Shaina Manimuthu bt Selvasamruddhi Selvaprabhu 21-14, 21-13; **U-11:** Adithi Sushanth bt S. Smriti 21-6, 21-11.

T20's narrower focus makes it easier to evaluate performance

The format demands a here-and-now approach both as a strategy to score runs or take wickets as well as while selecting teams

BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

Virat Kohli's innings against Pakistan raised the question: Was this someone out of form playing a good innings or one in form playing a patchy one? The important thing is that it doesn't matter. And this is where T20 is crucially different from the other formats.

There are three aspects of T20 that merit discussion here: the philosophy, usually unstated, that drives the game, the actual playing of it, and team selection.

To begin with the philosophy, T20 is not a shorter version of the 50-over game, and the aim is not (necessarily) to play attractively or score centuries. Averages don't count, strike rates do. All judgements are made purely on the basis of figures in the scorecard.

No pretensions

The long format places emphasis on style and character, on the how and why rather than merely the what. T20 has no such pretensions. Ugly and effective is far more useful than attractive and useless, batting or bowling.

An inside edge that narrowly misses the stumps and trickles away for four is more valuable than a classic cover drive that fetches just a single. T20 is cricket without the airs.

Kohli might have been dropped in the first over, and inner-edged dangerously a few times. His strike rate was unimpressive (35 off 34 balls), and he threw it away just when India seemed to be recovering from the first-ball dismissal of K.L. Rahul. But he and Rohit Sharma added 50 – in T20 terms that is a lot, especially when chasing 147.

Short, quick partnerships can turn a match. Hardik Pandya showed this when making an unbeaten 33 in 17 (nearly twice as fast as Kohli's innings). The concept of rotating strike, a cliché in the game, does not apply to T20. Rotating strike means scoring a single, meaning three or five more runs that could have been scored off that delivery were not.

Ravindra Jadeja and Hardik Pandya... key all-rounders for India. • AFP

Bowlers, although they have only 24 legal deliveries at their disposal, can still plan and alternate between short-term and long-term strategy, but batsmen need to be single-minded, repeating to themselves, "Four or six, four or six."

Designated hitters

In the team as a whole, everyone is a designated hitter. Some carry the licence to throw their bats at everything regardless of the state of the game. If there are eight in a team who can be expected to score significantly, and half that number might fail, the remainder striking consistently is still good enough to win a match. The four who 'fail' keep changing, and it is up to the team management to ensure that they are not discouraged from hitting the next time around.

In the Pakistan match, thanks to two genuine all rounders, Hardik and Ravindra Jadeja, India could afford an off-day for a bowler or even play an extra batsman (Rishabh Pant, the obvious choice).

The all-rounder in T20 is nothing like the all-rounder in red ball cricket who can hold down a place either on his batting or his bowling alone. Here the all-rounder is someone who can bowl between two and four overs and is capable of scoring 25 runs in 15 balls.

And so to team selection. In his book, the *Tyranny of Merit*, the American philosopher Michael Sandel says, "Meritocratic hubris reflects the tendency of winners to inhale too deeply of their success. It is the smug conviction of those who land on top that they deserve their fate, and that those at the bottom deserve theirs too." Change the winners to 'seniors', and you have the situation in Indian cricket selection for long.

For years, selection operated on the principle of divine right. Some senior players felt they had a divine right to be selected regardless of form, fitness or age. The selectors played into this for political reasons.

In recent years, however, divine right has been jettisoned by the selectors who are now paid a salary and expected to behave as professionally as the players. Yet vestiges still remain.

Form and performance

Form and performance ought to be the keys to T20 selection – although sometimes a performance has to be judged on intent too. The format demands a here-and-now approach both as a strategy to score runs or take wickets as well as while selecting teams.

If the top batsmen are not delivering, move them around to see where they fit or drop them. Nothing is permanent - neither the selection, nor the dropping.

It is becoming increasingly clear that T20 is a young man's game. The mixture of arrogance and fearlessness that wins matches belongs to youth. The much-experienced are more aware of the pitfalls. Theories of the game keep changing from season to season, even match to match. The coach has to adapt and rejig constantly.

T20, however, is focused only on winning. How you play the game, another sporting cliché, doesn't matter.